

Complete the exercise below with the words from the word box.

irreversible	unflagging	speculate	eerie
dumbfounded	procrastinate	trance	heartrending
broach	crossed...mind	absent-mindedly	

1. One of the worries that parents may have about distance learning is that even if their children are forced to show up for attendance in every lesson, they would only listen _____ because of the physical absence of any authority figures.
2. Ever since Tommy's hamster passed away, he has become so worryingly depressed and withdrawn that I dare not _____ the subject of pets when I talk to him.
3. It never _____ the retired sailor's _____ that the lady that his son is now married to is actually the little girl he rescued from a cruise liner crash 12 years ago.
4. Fred can still recall how _____ he was when the news anchor reported that terrorists had hijacked four airliners and crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre, where he once worked, on 11th September, 2001.
5. The _____ sound of non-automatic toilets suddenly flushing by themselves horrified him and sent him bolting out of the gloomy washroom.
6. The fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen are often said to be written for the enjoyment of children, but many of them are in fact _____ stories with characters at the bottom of society, such as the ugly duckling and the little match girl.
7. Methamphetamine, also known as ice, is a highly addictive drug that, when consumed, can cause _____ functional damage to the brain.
8. Doctors, especially those working in an Accident and Emergency Department, should always remind themselves never to _____, since every second wasted could bring about fatal consequences to those seeking timely diagnosis and treatment there.
9. Reported sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) like flying saucers over the last few decades have led some people to _____ that intelligent beings from other planets have been visiting the earth for quite a long time.
10. One hypnosis method that trained hypnotists use to put one into a _____ is progressive relaxation, in which they help the patients construct a pleasant memory step by step with instructions, with a view to guiding the patients to reach a state of complete relaxation.
11. Despite the lack of resources for poor women who wanted an academic career, Marie Curie's _____ enthusiasm for scientific experiments was eventually able to make her the first woman to win a Nobel Prize.