

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

<b>realm</b>	<b>double-edged</b>	<b>the...brunt of</b>	<b>gullible</b>	<b>assumption</b>
	<b>well-intentioned</b>	<b>ploy</b>	<b>dwindling</b>	<b>susceptible</b>

1. The Great Wall of China is often glorified on the \_\_\_\_\_ that it is the only man-made object visible from outer space. It certainly deserves glorification, but not for this reason because no such objects are clearly visible from space, except city lights.
2. This chess grandmaster is most feared among his fellow chess players for his readiness to make \_\_\_\_\_ moves (e.g. sacrificing the queen for a strategically advantageous position) to gain risky victories.
3. Despite tuberculosis's being traditionally romanticised as 'the 19<sup>th</sup> century disease' and the fact that its incidence is \_\_\_\_\_ at about 2% every year, there were still 1.5 million people who died of it worldwide in 2018.
4. Tom is so \_\_\_\_\_ that, when a passer-by claimed to be lost and asked for a thousand-dollar bill to make a phone call home, he did as he was told without ever questioning the reasonableness of the whole situation.
5. Some eyeglasses retailers offer free services to adjust glasses that are 'loose in the joints'. Victims of this \_\_\_\_\_ would soon be told, after having their glasses examined for a second, that they are not worth anything and need to be replaced.
6. With the rapid globalisation of culture and the advancement in gender equality, identity has been a recurrent theme in the \_\_\_\_\_ of literature.
7. To be \_\_\_\_\_ to peer influence is not necessarily a bad thing, as long as one has the willingness and capacity to separate the good influence from the bad.
8. Domestic violence is often exacerbated and prolonged by the victim's tendency to remain silent even after bearing \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ the abuser's angry outbursts.
9. A white lie is a \_\_\_\_\_ lie told in order to prevent the other person from feeling hurt.