

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

<b>sniffing</b>	<b>poignant</b>	<b>bygone</b>	<b>holds...dear</b>	<b>ragged</b>
<b>unearthed</b>	<b>meticulously</b>	<b>faintly</b>	<b>shabby</b>	<b>hold back</b>

1. When Ron looked back on his \_\_\_\_\_ days as a young athlete training around the clock just to take part in the Olympics, it seemed to him that the retirement years that followed are just boring footnotes to an already fading text.
2. Everyone in the camp is tired and asleep except Mick, and as he listens to the sounds of their chests moving \_\_\_\_\_ up and down, he wonders why the terror of war has not made them sleepless as it is making him.
3. Tiffany, the head prefect of our school sitting at the same table with the teachers during the graduation dinner, is angry with herself for not being able to \_\_\_\_\_ a minute of ugly laughter when she overheard an inappropriate joke from the next table.
4. Warren E. Buffett, the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, has once said that he \_\_\_\_\_ love and time \_\_\_\_\_ since they cannot be bought.
5. This documentary has won several major awards for its \_\_\_\_\_ detailed record of the aftermath of the Great Sendai Earthquake.
6. I bought this cheap plastic watch together with a dear friend when we were both very young. Now that he is gone and the watch and I have grown a bit older, it becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of our good old days.
7. Back in the 1970s in Hong Kong, the lives of people from ordinary families were simple. For example, their \_\_\_\_\_ clothes would often be repaired again and again even after multi-coloured patches were already all over them.
8. The contrast between the \_\_\_\_\_ furniture in Jeremiah's flat and the pristine condition of his toy model collection is so striking that he couldn't think of inviting his future in-laws over for dinner.
9. For the first few seconds after being told of her dog's sudden death, Kate kept herself from crying; then someone came along with the casual question 'what happened?', and now she is letting herself go and \_\_\_\_\_ despite her best efforts.
10. The latest issue of this gossip magazine claimed it had \_\_\_\_\_ several mind-blowing facts about the little-known daily routine of this world-famous celebrity.