

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

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| overriding | telling | eating away at | nonsensical | treadmill |
| regimens | huffing and puffing | free rein | Herculean | |
| | demoralising | steal the limelight | | |

1. Parents who are vexed with their kids' academic performance may sometimes leave them with _____ comments, but few of them realise that it is the attention to their learning needs and encouragement that can inspire considerable improvement in them.
2. Allergy is _____ me and my colleagues, giving us runny noses, itchy skin, and sometimes even the symptoms of eczema, but never has anyone in the management taken measure to improve the standards of hygiene.
3. Teachers should train students to become critical thinkers and give them _____ to tell right from wrong.
4. In the last series of *Harry Potter*, Dumbledore left Harry the _____ task of finding and destroying the seven Horcruxes to defeat Voldemort.
5. Reaching the last peak of Pat Sin Leng, he was intrigued by the fascinating scenery of the mountain ranges that stretch along, and couldn't help taking selfies one after another while he was still _____.
6. Darwin's theory of evolution was considered _____ by the mainstream of academia at that time, but only after more than a century after his death that his foresight was widely recognised.
7. In megacities like Beijing, how to deal with the tremendous amount of leftovers produced by millions of people every day is an _____ concern, hence the implementation of a set of stricter garbage classification guidelines.
8. On the red carpet of the Oscars, all nominees showed up in exquisite designer garments, ready to _____, if not to celebrate the Hollywood glamour.
9. Bestselling novel *Kim Ji-young, Born 1982*, considered not only a _____ story of an ordinary Korean woman but a social treatise, has sparked a national debate over gender inequality in South Korea.
10. Couriers exhaust themselves in an endless _____ of parcel delivery every day, but their salaries are less than ideal.
11. Attack and defence are equally emphasised in stern military _____, where soldiers are trained to use weapons of all sorts.