

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

instalments	underhand	is nothing short of	revoked
staggering	exorbitant	bombast	horrendous
	ordeals	cross the line	

1. Criticised as an hour of _____, the CEO's speech addressed no existing issues that the company faced, set no vision for the coming year, showed no gratitude for his employees' contribution but only focused on two things: how difficult it was when he first started running the business and how lucky he was as a businessman.
2. 'When did I know that I had _____? It was the moment when tears filled her eyes after I told her to keep her nose out of my business. After all, she's my mum, the person who brought me to life. How devilish of me to have said such terrible things,' said the speaker.
3. I love everything about the city: its culture, its food, its low taxation, its nightlife, its shopping centres, etc. The one and only thing that I dislike is the city's _____ property prices, which already go beyond the affordability of 95% of the population.
4. In the memoir, the writer speaks of the _____ suffering that he and other captives endured in Nazi concentration camps, where millions were first humiliated and then tortured to death.
5. 'It's perfectly fine if you prefer not to pay for your new phone in full at one time. You may choose to pay either by 12 monthly _____ or by 24 monthly _____,' said the salesperson.
6. What the arrestee has done to his own child _____ unspeakable brutality.
7. Journey to the West, a classic of Chinese literature, tells the story of a monk and his disciples, who go through a series of dreadful _____ on their way to 'the West Regions', where lie Buddhist's sacred texts—what they set out on their journey for.
8. Having been caught driving under the influence of alcohol more than once, he was eventually charged with careless and dangerous driving and had his driving licence _____.
9. In view of the exponentially growing number of COVID-19 patients, the business tycoon invested a _____ £50 million in vaccine research.
10. The singer's reputation was severely tarnished as soon as reports revealing her _____ tactics to undermine certain artists' careers came to the public eye.