

**I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.**

There's extensive historical evidence that our ancestors may have witnessed a massive invasion of Unidentified Flying Objects ..... (1) on their territories. These extraterrestrials are ..... (2) to have come into ..... (3) with the ancient earthly populations and helped them ..... (4) numerous magnificent structures or even establish glamorous empires.

However, the present-day fascination with UFO was only ..... (5) by the first widely ..... (6) American sighting in Idaho in 1947. Since that time, countless other close encounters have been reported both by highly credible witnesses such as top-class pilots and less credible ones such as ordinary civilians. Thousands of people around the world maintain having come ..... (7) to the visitors from outer space or to have been ..... (8) for a scientific study inside their flying saucers. Although most of these accounts have been ..... (9) as fantasy or hallucinations, there's ..... (10) criticism from the public and media for ignoring the subject for too long. To many people, rejecting even the most inexplicable sightings or UFO encounters as luminous artificial objects, natural phenomena like auroras or even as meteorological balloons and satellites seems to be an irresponsible ..... (11). Most of us would prefer to believe that these extraterrestrial guests are arriving from some remote galaxies to ..... (12) a peaceful relationship and possibly give us a fair warning against the consequences of our wasteful lifestyles. Yet, there's another theory ..... (13) that the visitors' attitude towards mankind isn't so conciliatory and that their sole aim might be the unscrupulous annihilation of the terrestrial populations.

Doubtless, flying saucers still continue to be observed in many places of the world ..... (14) the imagination of UFO-maniacs. But, a large percentage of such sightings will remain ..... (15) explanation until more convincing evidence is supplied by the true experts.

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| 1. a) surpassing | b) approximating | c) transgressing | d) encroaching |
| 2. a) reasoned   | b) alleged       | c) denoted       | d) inferred    |
| 3. a) touch      | b) grip          | c) face          | d) sight       |
| 4. a) fabricate  | b) plant         | c) erect         | d) install     |

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| 5. a) discharged   | b) instigated | c) constituted  | d) devised     |
| 6. a) proclaimed   | b) notified   | c) communicated | d) conveyed    |
| 7. a) direct       | b) adjacent   | c) close        | d) nearby      |
| 8. a) abolished    | b) abducted   | c) absconded    | d) abbreviated |
| 9. a) speculated   | b) disposed   | c) repelled     | d) dismissed   |
| 10. a) multiplying | b) piling     | c) storing      | d) mounting    |
| 11. a) approach    | b) bias       | c) encounter    | d) manner      |
| 12. a) establish   | b) engender   | c) enact        | d) engage      |
| 13. a) consisting  | b) specifying | c) meaning      | d) implying    |
| 14. a) startling   | b) triggering | c) sparking     | d) arising     |
| 15. a) beyond      | b) above      | c) under        | d) beneath     |

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1. After four years of painstaking preparations and a harsh physical training, he has finally succeeded ..... winning the Olympic gold medal.
2. The elderly gentleman says he hasn't seen his homeland for twenty years and that he longs ..... it a lot.
3. Don't wake him up. He was ..... the go all night and he returned from work very tired.
4. One customer asked who was ..... authority in the store as he wanted to make a complaint.
5. The accused leaders were dispossessed ..... their belongings in case they wanted to suppress any evidence.
6. 'Where does the word *somnambulist* derive .....?' 'Certainly, it is of Latin origin.'
7. The success of our latest CD was far ..... our wildest dreams. Nobody had expected it to become so popular.
8. What he says is ..... real. He is not the kind who makes up stories.
9. Some of the artefacts discovered during the excavation work will be sold ..... auction.
10. Now that the case is ..... my hands, I don't need to worry any more. The other barrister has taken it over.
11. Be honest ..... me and say how you came into possession of the valuables.

12. Eddie got into serious trouble after he had treated himself ..... too many books and had no money left for the bus back home.
13. All these documents are kept ..... file so that we may get them quickly whenever we need them.
14. Visit us again in summer when all the flowers in the garden are ..... full bloom.
15. The situation in the occupied territory is improving ..... degrees. It will certainly take some time before peace is fully restored.