

**INCREASE:** gather, expand, escalate, step up, etc.

**THROW:** toss, hurl, fling, pelt, etc.

**ARRANGE:** fix up, pencil in, engineer, etc.

**ACCIDENTALLY:** involuntarily, inadvertently, etc.

**DELIBERATELY:** consciously, knowingly, pointedly, wilfully, etc.

**JEALOUS:** envy, begrudge, be jealous of, etc.

I. Choose the word that best fits in the blank.

1. BBC World Service has announced that it is *í í í* . its broadcasting activities in Afghanistan and the surrounding region.  
a. increasing                      b. raising                      c. expanding
2. The new legislation would free schools from bureaucratic controls and *í í í* . the influence of parents and teachers.  
a. extend                      b. escalate                      c. step up
3. The company *í í í* . the security surrounding its computer systems, after a government warning that terrorists may try to bring down the country's communications network.  
a. increased                      b. stepped up                      c. extended
4. The University is a place to learn, and more importantly, to *í í í* . the mind.  
a. broaden                      b. increase                      c. extend
5. For a moment the octopus appeared to *í í í* . its attack with its mantle flared but eventually the noise of the underwater robot drove it away.  
a. increase                      b. intensify                      c. broaden
6. Staff and patients at NHS hospitals are to take part in a pilot scheme to *í í í* awareness of the importance of clean hands.  
a. broaden                      b. extend                      c. heighten
7. The conflict between the Sudanese government and the rebels could *í í í* into a full-scale war with disastrous humanitarian consequences.  
a. intensify                      b. escalate                      c. expand
8. Churchill was a tower of strength on the radio and his speeches always *í í í* people's resolve.  
a. strengthened                      b. raised                      c. fuelled
9. The first Western air strike near the Iraqi capital since December 1998 violated international law and *í í í* anger across the Arab world.  
a. raised                      b. fuelled                      c. strengthened
10. No law prevents safe skating on the roads although holding on to cars to *í í í* speed is prohibited.  
a. turn up                      b. intensify                      c. gain
11. Rubbing some oil into the neck muscles and massaging them each night will help to reduce the tension *í í í* during the day.  
a. built up                      b. gathered                      c. piled up
12. As the human population *í í í* , people increasingly use areas considered too cold for agriculture and too inhospitable for habitation, which diminishes the land available to wild animals.  
a. climbs                      b. heightens                      c. grows
13. The German finance minister called on euro zone countries to make the most of the current economic *í í í* .  
a. intensification                      b. upturn                      c. build-up
14. We at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are concerned by the *í í í* in demand for owls because we don't think they make suitable pets.  
a. explosion                      b. boom                      c. surge
15. I watched them grow increasingly desperate as their debts *í í í* .  
a. gathered                      b. piled up                      c. expanded

