

THINK SO/ NOT BE SURE: assume, presume, be under the impression, etc.

OFFEND: be an insult to, cause offence to, take offence, etc.

EMBARRASSED: self-conscious, mortified, awkward, etc.

BLAME: shift the blame, apportion blame, take the blame, etc.

I. Complete the sentences, choosing the word/phrase that fits best.

1. Initially, she supported the war, on the *í í í í í* .. that the government knew best.
a. impression b. assumption c. idea
2. It is *í í í í í* .. believed that drinking red wine has a number of health benefits.
a. largely b. widely c. mostly
3. Under the European criminal justice system, an accused person is *í í í í í* .. innocent until proved guilty.
a. assumed b. presumed c. believed
4. I was *í í í í í* .. the impression that British citizens don't require visas if they plan to stay in the country for less than 90 days.
a. under b. of c. with
5. She only worked two days a week, so *í í í í í* .. she spent a great deal of time with her children.
a. supposedly b. conceivably c. presumably
6. He held me *í í í í í* .. whenever anything went wrong in the project.
a. responsible b. guilty c. to blame
7. He said ministers were trying to *í í í í í* .. the blame onto local authorities even though it was government rules that were contributing to the problem.
a. lay b. put c. shift
8. It caused the White House *í í í í í* .. embarrassment when it emerged that one of its aides had been rewriting official documents and altering the facts of the case.
a. acute b. strong c. vast
9. Realising his blunder, David Cameron went as red as a *í í í í í* .., and it certainly didn't help that several members of the press conference audience dissolved into giggles.
a. tomato b. beetroot c. strawberry
10. Some of us found the joke *í í í í í* .., but Johnson insisted it was just a bit of harmless fun.
a. innocuous b. offensive c. touchy

II. Complete the sentences, choosing from the list of words/phrases below. You may need to use the same word/phrase more than once, and in some sentences you can use more than one word/phrase.

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| touchy | sensitive | offended | offensive |
| to be an insult to | to cause offence | to take offence | |

1. She's in a very *í í í í í í í* .. mood today ó you'd better keep away from her.
2. I hope you won't *í í í í í í í* .. if I ask you not to smoke.
3. His refusal to attend the memorial service *í í í í í í í* .. the memory of our brave soldiers.

