
Exercise 7

Using a dictionary or concordancer, identify which one of the three verbs given for each sentence best collocates with the underlined nouns and other underlined words.

- After days of intense winds and rain, the storm finally _____.
a. abated b. deflated c. reduced
 - The counseling staff wants to _____ awareness of depression among college students.
a. accumulate b. inflate c. heighten
 - As the semester went on, with every B grade on a quiz, Michael's hopes of getting an A in his computer science course _____.
a. contracted b. dwindled c. reduced
 - I'm sorry to say that it appears we have completely _____ the resources for dealing with this problem.
a. deflated b. exhausted c. lessened
 - The engineers needed to _____ the sound in the auditorium so that those in the back of the hall could hear.
a. amplify b. enlarge c. multiply
 - Tensions _____ as the police refused to let the protesters cross the street.
a. extended b. gained c. mounted
 - The tense situation _____ when one of the protesters fell and was injured.
a. accumulated b. escalated c. expanded
 - However, tensions in the crowd finally _____ as orders were given by the police chief to let the protesters continue with their march.
a. degenerated b. depleted c. eased
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