

1. The company froze its employees wages until the end of the year. (to say officially that the rate or level of something must stay the same and not increase)
2. Some people ..... through life without really knowing what they want to do. (to behave in a way that shows you do not have a clear plan for what you want to do)
3. Food prices have been ..... steadily all year. (to increase in amount)
4. As the light ..... in the evening, people start coming out onto the street. (to become less bright)
5. He managed to ..... a two-hour presentation into 30 minutes. (to make something shorter or smaller)
6. As the storms slowly died out, the floodwaters gradually ..... . (to become lower)
7. The discussion we had last night ..... around the problem of finding affordable accommodation. (to have something as the main or most important part of a subject)
8. You can ..... the machine to turn itself on or off at a particular time. (to make a piece of equipment ready to operate)
9. As soon the company's website went on-line, orders began to ..... in. (to arrive or leave in small amounts or numbers)
10. The queue for tickets was so long it ..... all the way down the street. (to continue for a long distance)
11. Once a week we get together and ..... ideas off each other. (to discuss ideas with other people in order to get their opinion and make a decision)
12. They wanted to keep the story secret, but someone ..... it to the press. (to give private or secret information to journalists or to the public)