Lesson 8

Review Exercise

1. The company's owners were worried that women would slip outside for a short break. They ________________ with the issue poorly—by locking the outside doors.

2. There were rules in place to ensure safety in the workplace. Unfortunately, enforcement of these rules was ________________.

3. The fire that broke out could have been put out if caught early. Unfortunately, no one noticed it while it was still ________________.

4. Smoke filled the workroom, making it impossible to see. The ________________ air made breathing difficult, if not impossible.

5. In just seconds, the fire was raging out of control. The women came ________________ from the workroom, gasping for air and looking for a means of escape.

6. The stairs, elevator, and fire escape provided the only means to get out. The fire escape became so ________________ that it collapsed under the weight.

7. The elevator offered the quickest means of escape. Desperate women ________________ the hallway as they tried to crowd into it.

8. One hundred and forty-five people died in the fire. All of the ________________ were women.
9. The devastation showed that the city's fire fighting methods were not adequate. Some people believed that such a tragedy was ________________.

10. The people of New York had believed the fire department could handle anything. They were ________________ when they discovered what had happened.

11. The city inspectors had also failed to do a thorough job. Had more ________________ inspections been conducted, the tragedy might have been prevented.

12. The locked doors were the main ________________ to the women's escape. The owners of the company left only one workroom door unlocked.

13. The official inquiry came to a surprising conclusion. It was reported that the employers of the women who died had not been ________________.

14. The city needed to consider carefully the lessons learned from the fire. A ________________ rush to solve the problem could make things worse.

15. The city fire department recognized the need to improve its methods. Sadly, the new practices were ________________ too late to save the victims of the fire.