**Create correct English collocations**

Fill each of the gaps with maximum 1 word (or a verb + an auxiliary verb to create the correct tense or a phrasal verb). The desired word is either a verb or a preposition. Sometimes you can use multiple synonyms – try to come up with as many as possible.

First try to come up with a solution on your own, if you struggle, use the [collocation dictionary](http://www.freecollocation.com/).

1. Consumer confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a 30-year high.
2. Second quarter sales \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at $18 million.
3. Second quarter sales \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to $18 million.
4. The Dow Jones index \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unchanged at 24242.
5. In developed countries agriculture currently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for fewer than 2% of the GDP.
6. Profits have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by a staggering 25% within a single quarter.
7. The shares have almost doubled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ value since I bought them.
8. The excise tax on cigarettes is set to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again this year.
9. The Brazilian economy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the highest growth rate in Latin America.
10. The Chinese economy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a steady growth of more than 6% in the last several years.
11. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a fortune \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the stock market in the 80s.
12. An oil spill would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ economic ruin for the local fishing industry.
13. The EU \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an economic downturn in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.
14. It cost me more to make the chairs than I could sell them for, so I actually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a loss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the deal.
15. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a large bank loan and then had great difficulty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. In order to borrow money, countries are now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government bonds.
17. Amidst the current coronavirus pandemic, countries will not be able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their budget deficits.
18. The pound has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in value relative to the euro.
19. The pound \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a 14-year low against the dollar.
20. Inflation is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to its lowest levels since 2010.