Latin Root: ced/cede/cess

In this worksheet, we examine the root *ced/cede/cess*, which means *go* and *move* in Latin. The prefixes used in these words generally, but not always, have specific meanings and will be practised in the Affixation section. Put each of the following words into the correct sentences in the correct form.

abscess, access, accession, concede, exceed, intercession, precede, proceed, recede, secede, succession, supercede

1. After the northern province voted to _____ from the rest of the country and become independent, the government sent in the army to stop it happening.

2. All thirty students in the class passes the exam, greatly _____ the teacher's expectation of only fifteen passes.

3. After the governments _____ to the miners' demands for better working conditions and a 20% pay rise, the miners agreed to end their strike.

4. The demonstrators _____ along the road to the city centre, although the police had warned them not to go any further.

5. The new boss's reputation for toughness and hard work had _____ him. Everyone at the office was nervous about what he would do when he arrived.

6. After the flood waters _____ there was a lot of clearing up to do and repairs to buildings damaged by the water.

7. When it became clear that he was not going to win the game, Jerry _____ it to his rival.

8. I have to go to the dentist as one of my teeth had gone bad and an _____ has developed.

9. But for the _____ of their teammates, Lawrence and Antonini would have started fighting and been sent off by the referee.

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10. The management had produced new rules for office behaviour which now _____ the old rules.

11. We tried to get onto the motorway along a local road, but there was no _____ to it from there, so we had to come back again.

12. The team is playing really well now. We have just won our fifth game in _____.