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EXERCISE -4

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom

1. The matter is serious and will affect many people; the government cannot just _____.
2. The supervisor had been warned not to _____ any of the female workers or he would be summarily dismissed.
3. As the project involves a lot of money, you have to consider very carefully and not simply _____.
4. It will be gross injustice if he is _____ just because his father is a big shot.
5. Practically all the ministers in the corrupt government were _____ at the expense of the poor.
6. The kidnappers _____ for a few days before feeing the country with the ransom.
7. I doubt I can ever fully repay my benefactor whose generosity to me _____.
8. The two opposing political parties are focusing their attention on those voters who have the penchant for _____.
9. When James asked me to take over the job, he was obviously trying to _____.
10. Many of the workers did not agree with the company's new policy, but they did not want to _____ and go on strike.

ANSWERS

1. The matter is serious and will affect many people; the government cannot just **sweep it under the carpet**.
2. The supervisor had been warned not to **lay a finger on** any of the female workers or he would be summarily dismissed.
3. As the project involves a lot of money, you have to consider very carefully and not simply **throw caution to the winds**.
4. It will be gross injustice if he is **let off the hook** just because his father is a big shot.
5. Practically all the ministers in the corrupt government were **lining their pockets** at the expense of the poor.
6. The kidnappers **lay low** for a few days before feeing the country with the ransom.
7. I doubt I can ever fully repay my benefactor whose generosity to me **knows no bounds**.
8. The two opposing political parties are focusing their attention on those voters who have the penchant for **sitting on the fence**.
9. When James asked me to take over the job, he was obviously trying to **pass the buck**.
10. Many of the workers did not agree with the company's new policy, but they did not want to **rock the boat** and go on strike.