**Wordiness: Exercise 1**  
Replace the phrasal verbs in the sentences with a more appropriate verb from the list below. Don't forget to keep the same tense as the original sentence.

Fluctuate investigate eliminate raise

reduce propose intervene establish

1 Researchers have been looking into the problem for 15 years. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 This issue was brought up during the seminar. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 It is assumed that the management knows what is happening and will therefore step in if there is a problem. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 Schools cannot altogether get rid of the problem of bullying. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 The number of staff has been cut down recently. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 It was very difficult to find out exactly what happened. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 Housing prices have a tendency to go up and down. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 A potential solution was put forward two years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2**  
Replace the following phrasal verbs with a more formal single verb.

1 The locals could not put up with the visitors from the city. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 The decline was brought about by cheap imports. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 The university is thinking about installing CCTV. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 Sales are likely to drop off in the third quarter. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 He went on speaking for over an hour. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 The meeting was put off until December. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 The cinema was pulled down ten years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 People have cut down on their consumption of beef. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_