



## Words and phrases

### 1 Forms of authority and government

Complete each definition with the correct authority word from the box.

council	executive	democracy	supervisor	regime	anarchist
principal	patriarchy	bureaucracy	minister	watchdog	

- 1 A *council* is a group of elected politicians who are in charge of a local area.
- 2 An ..... is a person who believes we should not have a government or laws.
- 3 A ..... is a person in charge of a group of people at work or an activity.
- 4 A ..... describes a system of government in which the public votes for the people they want to govern them.
- 5 A ..... is a person in charge of a government department.
- 6 A ..... is an organization working to prevent illegal or unethical activity in particular areas of society or business, e.g. advertising.
- 7 A ..... describes a government that strictly and unfairly controls a country.
- 8 A ..... refers to a society in which men have all or most of the power and women have none or very little.
- 9 A ..... refers to a complex and annoying system of rules and processes which slow down the action a person wishes to take.
- 10 A ..... is in charge of the academic management of a school or university.
- 11 An ..... is a senior manager in a company.

### 2 Processes

Match the descriptions of a process (1–12) with the correct terminology (a–l).

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| 1 keeping eggs warm until they hatch ..... <sup>f</sup> .....                    | a transpiration   |
| 2 making a liquid less strong by adding another liquid, e.g. water .....         | b pollination     |
| 3 liquid becoming gas or steam .....   | c desalination    |
| 4 gas becoming a liquid .....  | d conversion      |
| 5 removing salt from sea water .....   | e disintegration  |
| 6 changing from one system, method, form or use to another .....                 | f incubation      |
| 7 sending power, energy or signals from one place to another .....               | g crystallization |
| 8 taking in a substance, form of energy, or liquid .....                         | h dilution        |
| 9 placing pollen from one flower on another .....                                | i transmission    |
| 10 being completely destroyed by breaking into tiny pieces .....                 | j evaporation     |
| 11 water passing from the surface of a plant into the air .....                  | k condensation    |
| 12 changing into many tiny solid substances with many sides e.g. ice, salt ..... | l absorption      |

**3 Suffixes -sion, -tion, -ity**

Complete each sentence with the word in CAPITALS, using one of the suffixes above. Make any other spelling or form changes that are needed.

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| 1 We can see a period of economic <i>stability</i> during this decade.               | STABLE      |
| 2 The ..... of knowledge should be a lifetime goal.                                  | ACQUIRE     |
| 3 The continual ..... of low-paid workers must stop.                                 | EXPLOIT     |
| 4 The annual ..... of the whales begins in late November.                            | MIGRATE     |
| 5 As an artist, he began to express his ..... at an early age.                       | INDIVIDUAL  |
| 6 There can be little ..... for ignoring the destruction of our natural environment. | JUSTIFY     |
| 7 The ..... of the city began in the mid 17 <sup>th</sup> century.                   | EXPAND      |
| 8 Reports about corruption now appear with increasing .....                          | REGULAR     |
| 9 We expect your full ..... in weekly seminars.                                      | PARTICIPATE |
| 10 It is human nature to make ..... about cultures we are unfamiliar with.           | ASSUME      |
| 11 As a synthetic material, plastic has incredible .....                             | DURABLE     |
| 12 Most people have no ..... of the full problem.                                    | COMPREHEND  |
| 13 There seems to be little ..... to his argument.                                   | VALID       |

**4 Adverbs of degree**

Complete each sentence with an adverb from the box. More than one answer may be possible.

merely    reasonably    widely    barely    marginally    increasingly  
radically    fully    inextricably    principally    certainly    predominantly

- Is consumerism *merely* a matter of choice, or is it more to do with external influences?
- After the accident, Sarah could ..... remember any personal history at all.
- I'm taking IELTS ..... to get into university in Canada.
- Zahl was ..... certain he had found the source of the pollution.
- The language ..... spoken in this region is Karelian.
- In its time, the printing press ..... changed the way information was spread.
- Martens believes his counterpart's theory is ..... plausible.
- The ability amongst the children in the survey varied .....
- Every year, it is becoming ..... difficult to prevent the erosion.
- His desire to work in the laboratory was ..... linked with the need to find a cure for the disease.
- Adolescents are not ..... aware of the consequences of their actions.
- In 2009, the amount of coal extracted from the mine had risen ..... from 2008.