

## REINFORCE YOUR VOCABULARY

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1) Find the synonyms and complete the sentences

### OETZI THE ICEMAN

*"The Iceman" has been the subject of constant study for more than 20 years.*

*New clues have emerged in what could be described as the world's oldest murder case: that of Oetzi the "Iceman", whose 5,300-year-old body was discovered frozen in the Italian Alps in 1991.*

*It reveals that he had brown eyes, "O" blood type, was lactose intolerant, and was **apt to** heart disease and **ailments**.*

*Albert Zink, from the Eurac Institute for Mummies and the Iceman in Bolzano, Italy, said the nuclear DNA study was a great leap **ahead** in one of the most widely studied specimens in science.*

*He was carrying around a "haplotype" that showed his **ancestors** most likely migrated from the Middle East as the practice of formal **agriculture** became more widespread.*

*It is probably this period of transition to an **agrarian** society that explains Oetzi's lactose intolerance.*

A) predecessor : \_\_\_\_\_

B) forward : \_\_\_\_\_

C) predisposed to : \_\_\_\_\_

D) minor disease : \_\_\_\_\_

E) husbandry, farming: \_\_\_\_\_

F) based on land : \_\_\_\_\_

1) Ancient tribes were \_\_\_\_\_ clans.

2) Almost every matter is \_\_\_\_\_ change.

3) She had an \_\_\_\_\_ and got ill.

4) In Anatolia, people deal with \_\_\_\_\_.

5) He made a step \_\_\_\_\_ and got out.

6) Our \_\_\_\_\_ inhabited Asia.

## REINFORCE YOUR VOCABULARY BY NACI ASLANKILIC

### 2) Find the synonyms

abate	abound in	adopt	allege	apathy
abide by	account for	adverse	allocate	arbitrary
abolish	achieve	aggravate	ambiguous	assess

- a) make up; explain : \_\_\_\_\_ i) negative, unfavourable : \_\_\_\_\_  
b) outlaw : \_\_\_\_\_ j) vague, unclear : \_\_\_\_\_  
c) random : \_\_\_\_\_ k) accept : \_\_\_\_\_  
d) adhere to, obey : \_\_\_\_\_ l) evaluate, appraise : \_\_\_\_\_  
e) worsen, deteriorate : \_\_\_\_\_ m) claim, assert : \_\_\_\_\_  
f) allot, parcel : \_\_\_\_\_ n) lessen, appease : \_\_\_\_\_  
g) succeed, accomplish : \_\_\_\_\_ o) indifference, disinterest : \_\_\_\_\_  
h) be plentiful and ample : \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Choose among the verbs and fill in the blanks

access – alter – amend – assign – advocate – anonymous – accelerate – attain

- a) The opposition party \_\_\_\_\_ the earlier proposal to make it more comprehensive.  
b) This organization \_\_\_\_\_ for abused children and spouses.  
c) He's halfway to \_\_\_\_\_ his pilot's licence.  
d) The facilities have been adapted to give \_\_\_\_\_ to wheelchair users.  
e) Worry \_\_\_\_\_ his death.  
f) The town has \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in the last two years.  
g) Did you choose this country or were you simply \_\_\_\_\_ here?  
h) The donor wished to remain \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4) Find out the definitions of the words

attribute – appeal – afflict – arise from - abstain

- a) To inflict grievous physical or mental suffering on : \_\_\_\_\_  
b) To be attractive or interesting : \_\_\_\_\_  
c) To refrain from something by one's own choice : \_\_\_\_\_  
d) To relate to a particular cause or source; ascribe : \_\_\_\_\_  
e) To come into being; originate, emerge: \_\_\_\_\_

# REINFORCE YOUR VOCABULARY

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1) Find the synonyms and complete the sentences

## BEYOND BARRIERS

The United States economy relies on the productivity, entrepreneurship, and creativity of its people. To maintain its scientific and engineering leadership amid increasing economic and educational globalization, the United States must aggressively pursue the innovative capacity of all its people—women and men. However, women face **barriers** to success in every field of science and engineering; obstacles that **block** the country from an important source of talent. Without a transformation of academic institutions to tackle such barriers, the future vitality of the U.S. research **base** and economy are in jeopardy.

'**Beyond Barriers**' explains that eliminating gender **bias** in academia requires immediate overarching reform, including decisive action by university administrators, professional societies, federal funding agencies and foundations, government agencies, and Congress. If implemented and coordinated across public, private, and government sectors, the recommended actions will help to **boost** workplace environments for all employees.

A) prevent : \_\_\_\_\_

B) obstacle : \_\_\_\_\_

C) improve, increase : \_\_\_\_\_

D) basis : \_\_\_\_\_

E) prejudice : \_\_\_\_\_

F) after or out of reach : \_\_\_\_\_

1) She behaved with \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Bad weather \_\_\_\_\_ him from reaching the airport

3) The company \_\_\_\_\_ its profits.

4) I overcame some \_\_\_\_\_ before me.

5) Your criticism has no \_\_\_\_\_.

6) His remarks were \_\_\_\_\_ comprehension.

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### 2) Find the synonyms

<b>ban</b>	<b>beneficial</b>	<b>bloom</b>	<b>burden</b>	<b>breed</b>
<b>barely</b>	<b>bias</b>	<b>boom</b>	<b>bizarre</b>	<b>breach</b>
<b>bear</b>	<b>bleak</b>	<b>bound</b>	<b>benefit</b>	<b>broaden</b>

- a) likely : \_\_\_\_\_ i) enlarge : \_\_\_\_\_  
b) violation : \_\_\_\_\_ j) flower, blossom : \_\_\_\_\_  
c) desperate : \_\_\_\_\_ k) onus, responsibility : \_\_\_\_\_  
d) scarcely, hardly : \_\_\_\_\_ l) useful : \_\_\_\_\_  
e) odd, strange : \_\_\_\_\_ m) reproduce : \_\_\_\_\_  
f) forbid, prohibit : \_\_\_\_\_ n) produce : \_\_\_\_\_  
g) profit : \_\_\_\_\_ o) prejudice : \_\_\_\_\_  
h) boost, increase : \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Choose among the verbs and fill in the blanks

briefly – bolster – besides – brutal – border – battle – basis – bailout

- a) We're getting a loan to \_\_\_\_\_ (up) the economy.  
b) This Obama \_\_\_\_\_ program was created especially for those low income families.  
c) He was the victim of a very \_\_\_\_\_ murder.  
d) \_\_\_\_\_ costing too much, the scheme is impractical.  
e) Canada \_\_\_\_\_ the United States.  
f) The \_\_\_\_\_ for most liquids is water.  
g) There are four alternatives; they are described \_\_\_\_\_ below.  
h) A gun \_\_\_\_\_ between the police and drug traffickers happened with heavy losses.

### 4) Find out the definitions of the words

brink – bury – beyond – bleed - buoyant

- a) Characterized by liveliness and joy: \_\_\_\_\_  
a) To emit or lose blood: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) To a degree that is past the understanding, reach, or scope of: \_\_\_\_\_  
c) The point at which something is likely to begin; the verge: \_\_\_\_\_  
d) To place in the ground: \_\_\_\_\_

## REINFORCE YOUR VOCABULARY

- C -

- 1) Find the synonyms and complete the sentences

### WHAT SANK THE TITANIC?

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*A century after the Titanic disaster, scientists have found an unexpected **culprit** for the sinking: the moon.*

*Anyone who knows history or has seen the blockbuster movies knows that the **cause** of the transatlantic liner's accident 100 years ago next month was that it hit an iceberg.*

*"But the lunar **connection** may explain how an unusually large number of icebergs got into the **circuit** of the Titanic," said Donald Olson, a Texas State University physicist whose team of forensic astronomers examined the moon's role.*

*Ever since the Titanic sank in the early hours of April 15, 1912, killing 1,517 people, researchers have puzzled over Captain Edward Smith's seeming disregard of warnings that icebergs were in the area where the ship was sailing.*

*Smith was the most experienced captain in the White Star Line and had sailed the North Atlantic sea lanes on **ceaseless** occasions. He had been assigned to the maiden voyage of the Titanic because he was a knowledgeable and **careful** seaman.*

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A) motive, reason : \_\_\_\_\_

B) culpable, guilty : \_\_\_\_\_

C) path, course : \_\_\_\_\_

D) endless, numerous : \_\_\_\_\_

E) link, association : \_\_\_\_\_

F) attentive, prudent : \_\_\_\_\_

1) I was very \_\_\_\_\_ in my survey.

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ between events was clear.

3) What was the \_\_\_\_\_ of this failure?

4) A large animal appeared in our \_\_\_\_\_.

5) We carried out \_\_\_\_\_ experiments.

6) The police couldn't find the \_\_\_\_\_.

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### 2) Find the synonyms

calamity	challenge	coherent	compatible	comprise
cite	cherish	collapse	compete	comply with
cease	coercive	commence	compensate	compile

- a) stop, end : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) defy; obstacle : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) mention : \_\_\_\_\_
- d) value, relish : \_\_\_\_\_
- e) forced, difficult : \_\_\_\_\_
- f) disaster, catastrophe: \_\_\_\_\_
- g) vie, rival : \_\_\_\_\_
- h) make up for : \_\_\_\_\_
- i) consist of, made up of : \_\_\_\_\_
- j) fall, come down : \_\_\_\_\_
- k) in harmony with : \_\_\_\_\_
- l) start, begin : \_\_\_\_\_
- m) bring together, gather : \_\_\_\_\_
- n) consistent, rational : \_\_\_\_\_
- o) abide by, conform to : \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Choose among the verbs and fill in the blanks

**compulsory – concede – conceive – concern – concession – concise**

- a) The text is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative.
- b) Many young men are trying to get away from \_\_\_\_\_ military conscription.
- c) The losing candidate \_\_\_\_\_ defeat after the polls had closed.
- d) The government has granted \_\_\_\_\_ to three private telephone companies.
- e) We are seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ a plan to increase profits.
- f) I read an article that \_\_\_\_\_ the plight of homeless people.

### 4) Find out the definitions of the words

**culminate – conform – conflict – considerable – consistent – corrupt**

- a) Marked by immorality and perversion; depraved: \_\_\_\_\_
- a) To reach the highest point or degree; climax : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) In agreement; compatible : \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Clash, struggle, battle, skirmish : \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Large in amount, extent, or degree : \_\_\_\_\_
- e) To act or be in accord or agreement; comply : \_\_\_\_\_