

Vocabulary in context

Look at the words and match them to their definitions.

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| 1. infrastructure | a. a gas that is the lightest of all the elements |
| 2. fossil fuel | b. coal or oil that was formed over millions of years from parts of dead animals or plants |
| 3. cut in | c. needing something to succeed or to survive |
| 4. hydrogen | d. not being able to continue at the same level |
| 5. contribute | e. systems and services that are necessary for a country or an organization to run smoothly (e.g. roads) |
| 6. electrolyze | f. to be one of the causes of something |
| 7. unsustainable | g. to interrupt somebody when they are speaking |
| 8. reliant | h. to separate a liquid into its chemical parts (by electric current) |

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Scanning for details

Look at the following words and phrases. Quickly scan through the breaking news text on page 5 and find what they relate to.

stabilizing

1. _____

struggle to get to work

2. _____

emergency measures

3. _____

bankrupted

4. _____

temporary visas

5. _____



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Breaking news segment: focus on vocabulary

Part A: Write the words or phrases next to the correct definitions.

abate
issue

bankrupt
temper

chaotic
urge

deploy
wholesale

1. happening in a confused and orderless way: _____
2. to strongly advise or persuade: _____
3. to cause someone to have too little money to pay their debts: _____
4. related to the business of selling to other companies, rather than the public: _____
5. to use something effectively for a specific purpose, especially soldiers or weapons:

6. to officially give something to someone: _____
7. to become less strong or severe: _____
8. one's mood at a particular time, especially when angry: _____

Part B: Fill the blanks with the words from Part A.

1. I was in a foul _____ after dropping my phone in the pool, but I felt better after I was able to recover my photos.
2. I was surprised to find out that the _____ price of furniture is much lower than the prices I see at the store.
3. The patient's dangerously high fever _____ after he was given antibiotics.
4. Before opening a bar, you must be _____ a license to serve alcohol.
5. The professor _____ her students to start preparing for the final project at the beginning of the semester, not wait until the last week.
6. The scene of the accident was _____ with first responders, reporters, and curious bystanders all trying to get closer.
7. The 2008 financial crash _____ individuals and small businesses alike.
8. The company _____ its most experienced technician to handle the bank's security upgrade.

Now discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. What did your parents urge you to do more or less of when you were young?
2. What has been the most chaotic time of your life? What made it feel that way?
3. Have you ever been issued a fine or ticket? Why?
4. Have you ever said or done something you regret when you were in a temper? How did you handle the situation afterward?
5. Do you know of any places that sell items at wholesale prices if you buy large quantities? Would you like to shop at that kind of store?
6. What is something that you used to really want but that your desire for has abated?