Joining / becoming part of something bigger

The sentences below all contain a word or phrase in *italics* which is related to the idea of two or more things joining together, sometimes with the result that they become part of something bigger. However, the words and phrases have all been put into the wrong sentence. Put them into their correct sentence. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

1 Write the correct verb at the end of each sentence.

1. His salary is ***merged*** to the cost of living, and increases on an annual basis. *linked*
2. The International Book Association ***blended*** with Universal Press in 2010 to form the International Press. .....
3. To get a better finish, he ***swallowed up*** the two paints together. .....
4. The firm ***integrated*** with its main competitor in the battle to win more customers. .....
5. The suggestions from all the committees were ***took over*** into the main proposal. .....
6. The immigrants faced hostility when they were first ***incorporated*** into the community. .....
7. A lot of students had problems before they ***amalgamated*** into college life. .....
8. When the large international college ***got together*** the smaller school, a lot of people lost their jobs. .....
9. The students ***linked*** one evening and decided to protest about their situation. .....
10. A large international company ***assimilated*** our firm last month and started making immediate changes. .....

2 Write the correct noun at the end of each sentence.

1. The ***alloy*** between England and France came close to breaking down many times during the nineteenth century. .....
2. The ***synthesis*** between England and Scotland is over 300 years old. .....
3. Last year, the three regional organisations responsible for helping homeless people formed a national ***blend*** to help and support one another. .....
4. Brass is a well-known ***alliance*** of copper and zinc. .....
5. Water is a ***coalition*** of hydrogen and oxygen. .....
6. The plan is a ***unification*** of several earlier proposals. .....
7. The ***merger*** of Italy did not occur until the second half of the nineteenth century. .....
8. The company made its fortune by selling a popular ***union*** of coffee. .....
9. The proposed ***federation*** of the Liberal and Labour Parties in the election was cause for much ridicule. .....
10. As a result of the ***compound*** with the other company, Flax International became the largest in its field. .....

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