

Listen to 25 academic words, match them to their definitions. Then, fill in the sentences.

_____	based on personal choice rather than a clear reason or system
_____	existing as a natural and permanent part of something
_____	despite the fact; in spite of
_____	a standard or usual way of behaving or doing something
_____	simple and easy to understand or do
_____	in addition to what has already been said
_____	extremely large in size or amount
_____	exact and accurate
_____	to do something different from what is usual, expected, or planned
_____	clear and direct, leaving no doubt about meaning
_____	a fact, event, or situation that exists or happens, especially one that is interesting or unusual
_____	to try to end a disagreement between people or groups by helping them reach an agreement
_____	to experience or be affected by something
_____	in the same way; also
_____	through a particular place, person, system, or method
_____	having a limit; not endless
_____	a set of beliefs or ideas, especially about politics, society, or how things should be organized
_____	to introduce new ideas, methods, or products
_____	to give someone an award, title, degree, or honour officially
_____	existing or happening in many places or among many people
_____	difficult to change; very strict or fixed
_____	unwilling and hesitant to do something
_____	to show or prove that something is reasonable, right, or necessary
_____	involving complete or major changes
_____	used to compare two facts or situations that are different

Use the words below to complete the sentences. Each word is used once only.

arbitrary • inherent • notwithstanding • norm • straightforward • furthermore • enormous • precise • deviate • explicit • phenomenon • mediate • undergo • likewise • via • finite • ideology • innovate • confer • widespread • rigid • reluctant • justify • radical • whereas

1. The university will _____ honorary degrees on several distinguished scientists this year.
2. Some people are _____ to discuss their personal finances in public.
3. The instructions were clear and _____, so everyone completed the task correctly.
4. The company hopes to _____ by developing products that have never existed before.

5. The government introduced _____ reforms to the education system.
6. The manager was asked to _____ between the two departments after a dispute arose.
7. The amount of information that can be stored on this device is not unlimited; it is _____.
8. The scientist needed _____ measurements in order to test the theory accurately.
9. Travellers can reach the island _____ a daily ferry service.
10. The decision seemed completely _____ because no reasons were given for it.
11. The company expects all employees to follow the established _____ of professional behaviour.
12. The disease is now _____ across several regions of the country.
13. Many employees must _____ extensive training before starting work.
14. The rules are very _____ and leave little room for individual judgment.
15. The report contained _____ details about the costs involved in the project.
16. The internet has become a global _____ that has changed the way people communicate.
17. His political _____ strongly influences his views on economic policy.
18. The team agreed with the proposal; _____, they supported increasing the budget.
19. There is an _____ risk involved whenever people invest money in the stock market.
20. The new stadium is _____ and can hold more than 80,000 spectators.
21. You must be able to _____ your decisions with clear evidence.
22. The project is expected to reduce costs; _____, it should improve customer satisfaction.
23. The train arrived on time, _____ the heavy snow during the night.
24. Drivers should not _____ from the marked route during the race.
25. She prefers working from home, _____ her brother enjoys being in an office environment.