process

1 Verb + process

Use the correct form of these verbs:

begin *develop* *repeat*
reverse *speed up* *streamline*

1. For perfect boiled rice, wash and rinse the rice with cold water, then ..... the process until the liquid is clear.
2. The company have ..... a new process for producing microchips more cheaply.
3. Going to the passport office in person ..... the process of renewing my visa. Instead of taking three weeks I had a new visa within two days.
4. Unfortunately, ageing is one process that we cannot .....!
5. If we don't ..... our production process, we are going to end up inefficient and uncompetitive.
6. When the sperm enters the egg, it ..... the process of fertilisation and the creation of a new life.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

painful *lengthy* *delicate*

1. My friend Dave was badly burned in the accident. The doctors say that recovery from these injuries will be a long and ..... process.
2. Removing a piece of dirt from somebody's eye is a very ..... process. It needs to be done very carefully to avoid damaging the eye.
3. It was a ..... process recovering from my operation. It really took the best part of 2 years!

natural *gradual* *complicated*

4. I thought buying a house would be easy and straightforward but it turned out to be a long and ..... process. I've lost count of the number of forms I've had to complete and sign.
5. I didn't just wake up one day and decide to become a Buddhist. My conversion was a very ..... process which took place over a number of years.
6. Learning our mother tongue is a ..... process. It just happens! Many of us wish it could be the same when learning a second language later in life!

3 Types of process

Complete the sentences with these words:

decision-making *healing* *democratic*
manufacturing *peace* *selection*

1. Our yoghurt is tested several times during the ..... process to ensure that it is of the highest quality.
2. When choosing a holiday, I think it is best if all the family are involved in the ..... process.
3. You will be asked to perform a number of tasks during the ..... process. These activities are designed to test your drive and initiative.
4. This latest bombing incident has de-railed the ..... process. The representatives of both governments have gone home.
5. Many sick people believe that positive thinking can accelerate the ..... process. Some people claim that it can even cure cancer.
6. The attack on the polling station was widely denounced as an attack on the ..... process itself.



"Trying to reverse the ageing process!"

Notes

1. Note the following common expressions:
   Taking responsibility for yourself is an important part of the process of growing up.
   Making mistakes is an essential part of the learning process.
2. You reject other solutions if you make a decision 'by a process of elimination':
   We decided that the culprit had to be Ted – by a careful process of elimination.
3. Note this useful expression:
   The hospital is in the process of modernisation.
   We are in the process of moving to new premises.

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