VOCABULARY 1

Read the paragraphs below with words from the academic discussion. **Choose the best definition for each word in blue**

a. Reports indicate that efforts to control the **epidemic** are working, and the number of new cases has gone down. The disease still **poses a risk**, however, and people traveling to the affected area should postpone their trips.

b. A storm warning is in effect for the East Beach area. If the forecast is **trustworthy**, the storm will arrive early on Saturday morning and will **generate** powerful winds. Local residents expressed **anxiety** about the potential damage to their homes.

c. Will a new self-help book let us **conquer** our fears? According to a **claim** by the publisher, readers will learn a basic **principle** for managing their fears. Is that claim **credible**? Well, the book includes many **anecdotes** from people who apparently overcame their fears by following the book's advice.

1. _____
(adj) able to be trusted or relied on

2. _____
(adj) believable and convincing

3. _____
(n) disease that spreads quickly among many people

4. _____
(n) feeling of worry about what might happen

5. _____
(n) a rule or belief that guides how one behaves

6. _____
(n) short stories, often about one's personal experiences

7. _____
(n) a statement saying that something is true

8. _____
(v) represents a danger

9. _____
(v) defeat or overcome something

10. _____
(v) produce or create something

VOCABULARY 2

These sentences will help you learn words in the TED Talk. Read the sentences. Then match the definition with the sentence in which you see the right word in (parentheses).

1. Anne gave an (**insightful**) talk that clearly explained how people can overcome their deepest fears.

2. Jenny found it hard to believe all of the (**rumors**) about the epidemic, but they still frightened her.

3. Tom understood what it felt like to (**starve**) after being lost in a desert for a week without any food.

4. The woman's speech used powerful (**imagery**) that helped people understand and accept her ideas.

5. The novel, which had so much (**suspense**) that people could not stop reading it, became a bestseller.

6. Studies show that news stories about violent crimes often (**provoke**) a strong reaction in readers.

7. Audiences found the movie very frightening, even though most of the scary moments were (**subtle**).

8. As soon as news of the disaster spread, volunteers rushed to the hospital to help the (**survivors**).

9. Zack's (**dread**) of both heights and wide-open spaces made it hard for him to live a normal life.

10. Sofia let her worries about the journey (**influence**) her decision about when and how to travel.

1. a. (v) affect somebody's opinion about something

2. b. (v) cause a response or emotion, especially anger

3. c. (n) a deep and powerful fear

4. d. (n) excitement and uncertainty about what might happen

5. e. (adj) able to see and explain the truth about something

6. f. (adj) not direct, obvious, or easy to sense

7. g. (n) people who remain alive after a deadly event

8. h. (n) stories or gossip that may not be true

9. i. (v) suffer or die from lack of food

10.   j. (adj) visually descriptive language