Match each sentence beginning to its ending to complete each definition. Use context clues from exercise **A** to understand the words in **blue**. Use your dictionary to help you.

1. The **residents** of a house or area are ___
2. To **finance** something means ___
3. If you **maximize** something, ___
4. A **challenge** is ___
5. An **innovation** is ___
6. If you **restore** an old painting, ___
7. To **regulate** something means ___
8. When you **generate** something, ___
9. A **structure** is ___
10. To **convert** one thing into another means ___

a. you repair and clean it.
b. to change it so that it can be used for another purpose.
c. the people who live there.
d. you produce it, or cause it to be produced.
e. something new and creative.
f. you increase it as much as possible.
g. something that has been built.
h. a difficult job that requires effort.
i. to control the way it is done.
j. to pay for it.

A | **Using a Dictionary.** Complete the chart with the correct form of each word. An X indicates that the word form does not exist. Use your dictionary to help you.

	Noun	Verb	Adjective
1.	challenge	*challenge*	
2.		convert	X
3.		finance	
4.		generate	X
5.			innovative
6.		maximize	
7.		regulate	
8.	resident		
9.		restore	
10.	structure		

B | Read a tour guide's explanation of an unusual challenge facing the city of Venice, Italy. Fill in each blank with the correct form of a word from exercise **A** above.



Welcome to Venice, everybody! To start our tour today, I want to tell you about a (1) _____ we face in our beautiful city: floods. You see, a large portion of Venice was built on a salt marsh.[1] City planners had to find a way to (2) _____ space and use every part of the marsh. Builders placed hundreds of wooden logs deep into the marsh. Then they placed building foundations[2] on top of the logs. By doing this, they were able to (3) _____ the salt marsh into land for farming. But the salt marsh is like a giant sponge. The weight of the city pushes down on the salt marsh and buildings slowly sink into the water. High tides, called *acqua alta*, are also a problem. Now, Venice floods on a regular basis. Venetian (4) _____ are used to the floods, but our old and beautiful buildings suffer. Many (5) _____ are damaged by the water and the (6) _____ of these buildings is very expensive.

The city is now building water barriers that will stop seawater from flooding the city. This (7) _____ project is called MOSE, and it will be completed soon. The cost of this project is already more than seven billion dollars. Some people argue that the project violates government (8) _____ and is illegal. Others believe that the water barriers will interfere with the beauty of the city and will cause tourists to leave. Let's hope this does not happen, because tourism (9) _____ business for shops, restaurants, and hotels. (10) _____ support is necessary to help pay for the MOSE project. So thank you for coming to Venice!

[1]A **salt marsh** is an area of flat, wet ground that is sometimes covered by salt water.
[2]A **foundation** is a layer of bricks or concrete that a structure is built on.