

A. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1: Read the sentences and match each word/phrase with its definition.

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| 1. to gradually become less, worse, or lower..... | a) development (n) |
| 2. a decision or opinion about someone or something that you form after thinking carefully..... | b) solve (v) |
| 3. the opinion that people in general have about someone or something..... | c) tendency (n) |
| 4. the state of continuing to live or exist, often despite difficulty or danger..... | d) reputation (n) |
| 5. a likelihood to happen or to have a particular characteristic or effect..... | e) decline (v) |
| 6. the steady growth of something so that it becomes more advanced, stronger, etc..... | f) locate (v) |
| 7. to use facts or evidence to show something is true..... | g) prove (v) |
| 8. to stop working, usually because you have reached a certain age..... | h) survival (n) |
| 9. to find the exact position of someone or something..... | i) judgment (n) |
| 10. to find a way of dealing with a problem or situation | j) retire (v) |

Exercise 2: Fill in the blank with the correct form of the words given in the box below

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| decline | retire | prove | locate | development |
| judgment | reputation | survival | tendency | solve |

1. His interest in the projectafter his wife died.
2. It proved difficult to make aabout how well the school was performing.
3. Most teenagers have ato want to spend more time with their friends than with their families.
4. The company can offer a number of opportunities for career
5. His work in Congress won him aas reliable and industrious.
6. They suspected that she'd killed him but they could never actuallythat it was her.
7. Continued trade in these products is a threat to theof the species.
8. Attempts are being made tothe problem of waste disposal.
9. Police are still trying tothe suspect.
10. Lots of teachers like me expected toon a full pension.