

Match with the correct definition.

1. brutal	A. crisis, period of decline
2. crushing	B. plentiful, abundant
3. ample	C. violent, cruel or harsh
4. recession	D. wealth
5. lucrative	E. to make sb redundant / to fire sb
6. affluence	F. to clear a debt
7. pay off	G. guess, believe or estimate
8. lay off	H. destructive
9. reckon	I. profitable

Choose the correct answer.

1. The long winter months often bring feelings of **depression / austerity / asset**, as the lack of sunlight and cold weather can affect one's mood.
2. Despite their best efforts, the search for the missing keys proved **impeding / bust / futile**, and they had to resort to buying a new set.
3. She completed the online **mortgage / transaction / stock** quickly, purchasing the item with just a few clicks and choosing express shipping.
4. The company faced **arduous / unforeseeable / meticulous** challenges when a sudden supply chain disruption halted production for weeks.
5. Starting a new job in an unfamiliar field can be **daunting / irrespective / aftermath**, but with the right support and determination, it's possible to succeed.