

IELTS GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

2. Read the sentences below and match the underlined words and phrases to their meanings.

- a) I can't believe that he destroyed his work by **shredding** it.
- b) Todd flew over the city in a hot-air balloon as a publicity **stunt**.
- c) His photographs have become **iconic** images of war.
- d) It costs a **staggering** amount of money, that is \$50,000 per week, to keep the museum open to the public.
- e) As dead plants **decay**, they release mineral salts into the soil.
- f) Our car has **depreciated** to nearly 50% of its original value.
- g) When I was at school we **played a lot of pranks on** our teachers.
- h) The employees **mocked** the company's recovery plan as it seemed ridiculous.

MEANINGS

- 1) to make someone or something look stupid by laughing at them
- 2) to become less valuable than before
- 3) to cut or tear something into long thin pieces
- 4) to do something to someone as a joke or trick
- 5) very shocking and surprising
- 6) something silly or unusual that is done to get public attention
- 7) to be gradually destroyed by the natural process of change
- 8) very famous and well known, and believed to represent a particular idea

