

Vocabulary practice

1 Choose the best answer

Choose A, B, C or D. In 8, choose the pair that completes both gaps in order.

- Prompt action by the pilot helped to _____ a serious accident.
A. replicate B. propagate C. avert D. decipher
- Other laboratories must be able to _____ the experiment and obtain similar results.
A. replicate B. condemn C. avert D. overlook
- Several organisations issued statements to _____ the deliberate attacks on civilians.
A. decipher B. replicate C. propagate D. condemn
- The substance was present in such tiny quantities that it was _____ with the equipment available.
A. exhaustive B. undetectable C. exhausting D. robust
- The inquiry was _____, examining every available document and interviewing all witnesses.
A. exhausting B. undetectable C. exhaustive D. influential
- Working three consecutive night shifts was so _____ that she slept all day afterwards.
A. exhaustive B. exhausting C. undetectable D. robust
- Rather than make further changes, the committee decided to abandon the proposal _____.
A. robustly B. continually C. intentionally D. altogether
- My _____ brother is two years _____ than I am.
A. elder / older B. older / eldest C. elder / elder D. older / oldest

2 Match the expressions to their meanings

Write the correct letter beside each expression. Use each meaning once.

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| 1. robustly ____ | A. throughout the world |
| 2. assumption ____ | B. disapprove of a particular action or behaviour |
| 3. indicator ____ | C. work out the meaning of something difficult to read or understand |
| 4. frown upon something ____ | D. in a strong and determined way |
| 5. succumb to ____ | E. spread an idea, belief or piece of information |
| 6. the world over ____ | F. a belief accepted as true without definite proof |
| 7. propagate ____ | G. give in to pressure, temptation or a harmful force |
| 8. decipher ____ | H. a sign or measure that reveals a condition or change |

Vocabulary in sentences

3 Complete the sentences

Use the words and phrases in the box. Two are extra. Use each answer once.

bear on the matter • get out of hand • dwell on the past • get the picture •
get his act together • frown upon • get the hang of • get into deep water • get a kick out of
• succumb to

1. After the setback, she decided not to _____, but to focus on what she could change now.
2. He keeps missing deadlines. If he wants to keep his job, he needs to _____ and start working responsibly.
3. The software seems confusing at first, but you will soon _____ using it.
4. Staff intervened before the argument could _____ and turn into a fight.
5. You could _____ with the tax authorities if you deliberately hide your income.
6. I have explained the situation twice. Do you _____ now, or should I go through it again?
7. Some people _____ solving difficult puzzles; they love the challenge.
8. Please leave out irrelevant details and include only facts that _____ we are discussing.