

## Vocabulary

### Exercise 1

Check spelling and match the definitions:

Vocabulary	Definition
1) gadget	a) a person who is responsible for a crime or other misdeed.
2) synchronised	b) reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree.
3) optimise	c) a sequence of reciprocal cause and effect in which two or more elements intensify and aggravate each other, leading inexorably to a worsening of the situation
4) profound	d) gradually decrease
5) implications	e) the conclusions that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated.
6) ebb	f) make the best or most effective use of
7) minimise	g) fall or drop straight down at high speed.
8) culprit	h) cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate.
9) plummet	i) a small mechanical or electronic device or tool
10) vicious circle	j) very great or intense / having or showing great knowledge or insight

### Exercise 2

Use words from the above to complete the sentences:

- 1) The amount of spending on healthcare services in my neighbourhood ..... over the past few months.
- 2) My bike has been stolen. I think I know who the ..... is.
- 3) Unsurprisingly, the daily rhythms of unborn babies and their mothers often appears to be .....
- 4) After jumping from the plane, she..... to Earth.
- 5) I have lots of..... They help me with all of the annoying little tasks I have to do every day.
- 6) One of the ..... of the report is that the Prime Minister broke the law.
- 7) It's just a ..... It keeps getting worse.
- 8) Of course, mistakes will occur but we need to ..... them if we want to improve our output.

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## Answers

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Match the definitions with words from yesterday's class:

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### Exercise 2

- 1) The amount of spending on healthcare services in my neighbourhood **has ebbed** *over the past few months*.
- 2) My bike has been stolen. I think I know who the **culprit** is.
- 3) Unsurprisingly, the daily rhythms of unborn babies and their mothers often appears to be **synchronised**.
- 4) After jumping from the plane, she **plummeted** to Earth.
- 5) I have lots of **gadgets** . They help me with all of the annoying little tasks I have to do every day.
- 6) One of the **implications** of the report is that the Prime Minister broke the law.
- 7) It's just a **vicious circle**. It keeps getting worse.
- 8) Of course, mistakes will occur but we need to **minimise** them if we want to improve our output.