

Vocabulary for Listening

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1. uncharacteristic		a) attracting attention by being extreme or unusual
2. apprehensive		b) extremely bad, highly destructive
3. gruesome		c) noun: a kind action you do for somebody d) verb: prefer
4. poorly		e) very easy to understand
5. devastating		f) causing lasting distress
6. favour		g) out of control, dishonest or unprincipled
7. invalidate		h) worried, wary
8. straightforward		i) not experience
9. traumatising		j) causing horror
10. miss out on		k) ill
11. striking		l) not typical
12. rogue		m) cause something to no longer be allowed or viable
<p>What words from the above could you use to describe the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an injury – • an exam result • instructions • a painting • a child • a patient • a car accident 		

Exercise 2

Use words from the box to complete the sentences (You can't use all of them! Plus, multiple answers are possible – but ask yourself what the sentence means with different ideas):

blurred	uncharacteristic	isolated	miserable	gruesome	white coat syndrome
poorly	striking	implication	widespread	some way to go	

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2. The results of the recent inquest into failings by the police were pretty *gruesome* for the government.
3. What was really *striking* about the patient's recovery is the speed. I have never seen someone back playing sports so soon after surgery before.
4. A general sense of feeling *poorly* and even *blurred* vision have been reported as side effects of the new drugs tested in the recent research program.
5. Misinformation about Covid was *widespread* throughout the early 2020's. This is *uncharacteristic* of a country such as the United Kingdom, where previously medical expertise had been respected by the majority.

Answers

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