

**Starter:**

Read the questions below and consider your answer.

You may be asked to answer verbally:

1. If a patient's condition begins to deteriorate, what can you do to **avert** a more concerning situation?
2. Are you a **proponent** of any kind of treatment which is not standard in the medical world? How do you **advocate** for its use in a medical setting?
3. Do you think that the COVID pandemic was a **one-off** or was it **the tip of the iceberg** in terms of future medical concerns?

**Spelling test:**

1. precursor
2. tried-and-tested
3. variegated
4. virulent
5. stymie
6. sift through
7. anomalies
8. complacency
9. grievous
10. stark
11. subdue
12. cocktail
13. degrade
14. shrug off

**Vocabulary Activity:**

In groups, take the words from the **spelling test** and match them to the correct definition of the word on the right:

WORDS	DEFINITION
Complacency	a) A state of self-satisfaction or contentment that can lead to a lack of motivation to improve or address potential problems or risks.
Precursor	b) Something that comes before or serves as a preliminary indication of something else, often referring to an earlier stage or development.
Grievous	c) Describing something that causes great pain, suffering, or distress, often used to characterize serious harm or wrongdoing.
Anomalies	d) Deviations or irregularities from what is considered normal or expected; often unusual or unexpected occurrences.
Stark	e) Clear, obvious, or harsh in appearance or contrast; often used to emphasize the sharp distinction between two things.
Sift through	f) To carefully examine or sort through a large amount of information or material in order to find specific items or details of interest.
Subdue	g) To bring under control, restrain, or calm down, often used in the context of managing strong emotions or physical force.
Stymie	h) To hinder or block progress, prevent someone from achieving a goal, or create an obstacle or challenge.
Cocktail	i) A mixed alcoholic drink or a combination of different substances or elements, such as medication.
Virulent	j) Describing something that is extremely infectious, harmful, or severe, often used in the context of diseases or pathogens.
Degrade	k) To lower in quality, value, or status, or to break down or deteriorate over time.
Variegated	l) Referring to something that has various colours, patterns, or forms, often exhibiting diversity or variety.
Shrug off	m) To dismiss or ignore something as unimportant or not worth serious consideration, often in a casual or nonchalant manner.
Tried-and-tested	n) Describing something that has been proven to be reliable and effective through repeated testing or experience.