

Read the following statements and decide which are true (T) and which are false (F).

- 1. **F** The situation is under control after the earthquake in Maridiania.
- 2. **F** World leaders react positively to the new military government in Gulzharstan.
- 3. **T** James Thompson is no longer on the run.
- 4. **F** Tech giants guilty of monopolizing the market.
- 5. **T** Arctic ice melts at an increasingly fast rate.
- * Maridiania, Gulzharstan, and James Thompson are fictional*

Fill in the gaps with vocabulary from the headlines (pay attention to the verb form!).

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Amidst the political turmoil, as catastrophic as an **earthquake**, the **constitution** faced a test of its strength. **Troops** were deployed **to enforce** order as protests **raged** on the streets. Calls **to oust** corrupt leaders **plunged** the nation into uncertainty. Clashes intensified, threatening the fragile peace. In the midst of the chaos, leaders sought to navigate the **flood** of discontent and rebuild trust with the people.

to apprehend	to condemn	curfew	to elude
felon	manhunt	scrutiny	sewers

Recently, a citywide **curfew** was enforced following a prison escape, triggering a massive **manhunt** through the urban **sewers**. Police tactics came under **scrutiny** when the **felon** continued **to elude** capture. The media **condemned** police and urged them to work harder to ensure the convict would be **apprehended**.

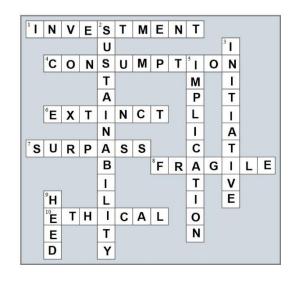
Complete the crossword puzzle with vocabulary from the discussion.

ACROSS

- 1 allocation of money for generation of future benefits
- 4 usage, energy
- 6 no longer in existence
- 7 to exceed in quantity, quality, or degree
- 8 easily broken
- 10 morally acceptable

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- 2 meeting current needs without compromising future needs
- 3 a new plan or idea
- 5 consequence
- 9 to pay attention to someone's advice or warning



Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition of time: in, on, or at.

This week, I have to juggle various commitments. In addition to working during the week, I've promised to volunteer at the local soup kitchen **on** Monday evening. I also have to be at the local elementary school **at** 4:00 pm **on** Tuesday to help prepare for the book fair that will be taking place **on** the 5th of next month. **In** the evening **on** Wednesday, I'm participating in a zoom call about the garden show that my city will host **in** 2025. **On** Thursday I have to coach a soccer practice **at** 6:00 pm even though I'd really rather attend a book reading that starts **at** the same time. I think there's another reading **on/at** the weekend, so maybe I'll go then. The soccer practice is too important to miss; the playoffs are **in** September.

Fill in the gaps with the correctly spelled plural.

The **valleys** (valley) were filled with vibrant **daisies** (daisy) and **lilies** (lily), a symphony of colours under the sunny sky. The **puppies** (puppy) frolicked joyfully, chasing **butterflies** (butterfly) in the meadow nearby, while the children forgot about their **toys** (toy) and climbed the towering trees like agile **monkeys** (monkey). In the evenings, the **families** (family) gathered around cozy campfires, sharing **stories** (story) and laughter. The **ponies** (pony) grazed lazily, their tails swaying gently in the breeze.

Answer the following questions about "The Speckled Band".

- 1. How many of Sherlock Holmes' cases has Watson been involved in?
 - a. More than 70.
 - b. Less than 70.
- 2. When does Watson usually wake up?
 - a. Before 7:15 am.
 - b. After 7:15 am.
- 3. How is Helen Stoner's appearance?
 - a. She looks older than her age.
 - b. She looks younger than her age.
- 4. How does Sherlock Holmes know that Helen Stoner has taken a dog-cart?
 - a. Because of the mud on her jacket.
 - b. Because of the return ticket in her hand.
- 5. What payment does Sherlock Holmes require?
 - a. Just a reimbursement for the expenses he incurs during his investigation.
 - b. A reimbursement for the time he spends on the investigation.

Try out this tongue twister. See how fast you can say it perfectly three times!

She sells seashells by the seashore. The seashells that she sells are seashells I'm sure.