



Episode 4 Student Worksheet

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

1. ___ The government minister was fired because of the questionable passing of permits.
2. ___ At least 20 complaints were made about the electronic toy.
3. ___ Employees forced to leave their jobs will get financial compensation.
4. ___ Because of the referendum results, the wind farm will not be built.
5. ___ The tiny painting had been hidden from view for over 100 years.

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

allegedly	controversial	to ignite	resignation
to surface	undisclosed	severance	sweeping

A major tech company is facing backlash after a _____ decision to give _____ packages to hundreds of employees. The _____ move was _____ made for _____ financial reasons. The sudden _____ of the CEO has only fueled speculation, especially after an inside source claimed it was due to internal conflicts. The crisis was _____ when leaked memos about planned strikes _____.

to back	to disrupt	to fast-track	habitat
to lay off	to leak	shortfall	to tuck

A construction project, _____ by the mayor, has raised concerns among environmentalists. The site is _____ behind a protected wildlife _____ and could severely _____ the delicate ecosystem. Despite a funding _____, officials are trying _____ the approval process. Documents, recently _____ to the press, reveal that the construction company plans _____ workers.

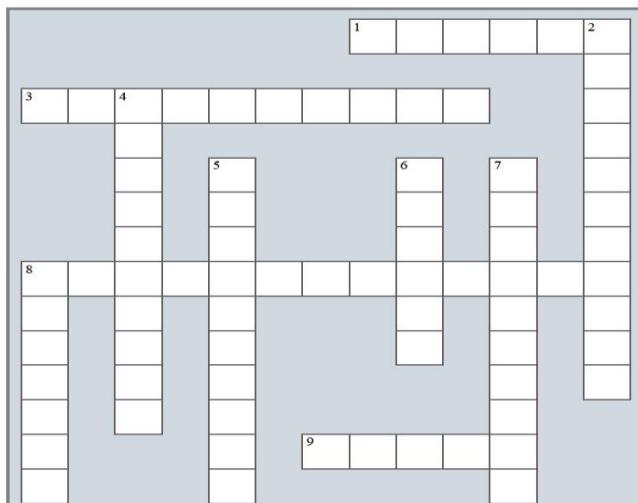
Complete the crossword puzzle with vocabulary from the discussion.

ACROSS

1. The risks or consequences involved.
3. To go well with or enhance.
8. Talking down to others.
9. Unclear or not specific.

DOWN

2. A state's authority to govern itself.
4. Slightly; by a small amount.
5. Protective measures.
6. A subtle difference in meaning or tone.
7. Not altered or censored.
8. Clearness or ease of understanding.



Decide whether each of the following words is American or British English and fill in the chart. Then write its equivalent in the other variety of English.

1. apartment	2. biscuit	3. garbage	4. truck	5. movie
6. nappy	7. chemist	8. line	9. shopping trolley	10. vacation

American English	British English
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.

Fill in the gaps with **few, little, fewer, or less**.

There are _____ social media platforms that truly influence global trends, but even _____ are seeing growth compared to last year. Creators often have _____ time to keep up with every new feature, and they report having even _____ time now than before. In terms of viral content, _____ trends last more than a week, and analysts say that even _____ are original ideas. Users are showing _____ interest in overly polished content, while engagement on such posts is now significantly _____ than it was a year ago.

Answer the following questions about “The Speckled Band”.

1. What was Helen Stoner’s sister wearing on the night in question?
2. What happened to Helen Stoner one month ago?
3. What happened in the night, which made Helen Stoner seek help?
4. Where are Holmes and Watson going to take the train?
5. Does the stranger at the door exude positive or negative energy?

Describe a strange, quirky, or unexpected item you have in your bag.