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Vocabulary

1. Look at the picture. Circle the correct answers.

I think that as a(n) **1.** _____, I have a responsibility to vote. We have to participate in our **2**. _____. Otherwise, it can't **3.** _____. Voting is how we settle our **4.** _____. It's also how we tell our **5.** _____ what we want and believe.

1. a. party	b. system	c. opponent	d. citizen
2. a. democracy	b. candidate	c. measure	d. court
3. a. promote	b. rule	c. survive	d. apply
4. a. disagreements	b. majorities	c. percentages	d. registrations
5. a. immigrants	b. monarchs	c. representatives	d. endorsements

2. Match the questions with the appropriate responses.

1. Does your country have a prime minister?	a. No, they apply them.
2. Do judges make the laws?	b. Reduce world hunger.
3. Are you in favour of more immigration?	c. Higher than usual.
4. What will this measure do?	d. No, a president.
5. How was voter turnout this time?	e. Yes, I think it's good for the country.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. contribution	a. approved by the government or someone in authority
2. belief	b. to make people obey (a rule or law)
3. threat	c. to understand or deal with something that is happening very fast
4. official	d. an idea that you are certain is true
5. enforce	e. a state in which people don't understand what is happening
6. in practice	f. someone or something that is likely to cause harm or damage
7. keep up	g. too bad to be allowed to continue
8. percentage	h. something done to help produce or develop something
9. confusion	i. an amount of something, expressed as a number out of 100
10. unacceptable	j. used to say what is actually done or what the actual effect is

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Grammar

4. Circle the correct word(s).

1. There is going (be / to be) an election in two weeks.
2. If a person (breaks / will break) a mirror, it brings bad luck.
3. I (will take / take) you out to dinner if you're free tonight.
4. By the end of June, they will (know / have known) each other for five years.
5. The city is going to (building / be building) a new monument.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the box. Use each expression once.

better	have to	must	ought	could

1. Many people don't _____ work today because it's a holiday.
2. He _____ already dance well when he was five.
3. In order to vote, you _____ register a month before the election.
4. We'd _____ get started soon, or we won't finish it time.
5. Somebody _____ to help that elderly lady cross the street.

6. Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. the monarch / going / for years. / the country / ruling / to be / is

_____

2. need / keep up / we / to / the news / with

_____

3. 2025, / will / become / millionaire. / a / I / by / have

_____

4. the crops / if / rain, / grow. / doesn't / don't / it

_____

5. becomes / she / raise taxes. / prime minister, / if / going to / she's

_____

7. Find the error and write the correction on the line.

1. The judge is going to be make her decision soon. _____

2. If we'll cooperate, we'll finish the work faster. _____

3. We had better to remember our passports. _____

4. The sun will have came up by 6.30 a.m. _____

5. You could have dessert if you eat your vegetables. _____

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Comprehension

8. Read and answer the questions.

To the editor:

Soon our representatives will be voting on the "soda tax" measure. Leaders of both major parties have expressed support for this law. If it passes, there will be a 15-percent tax on soda and other sugary soft drinks in our city. Rather than paying £1.79 for a bottle of soda, we will have to pay £2.06. The theory is that this will reduce the purchase of these drinks and make our citizens healthier. At the same time, we will raise extra money to improve our local hospitals. But in practice, it won't succeed. As a citizen, I ask our city representatives to vote "no" on this measure.

The arguments in favour of the soda tax don't make sense. A similar law has already failed in our neighbouring city, Greentown. They passed a 10-percent soda tax two years ago. Since then, there has been no dramatic decrease in the drinking of soda in Greentown. In fact, Greentown citizens and restaurant owners come to our city, so they can buy cheaper soda instead! Therefore, no one is healthier. Local Greentown supermarkets and convenience stores have lost customers. And there is very little extra money for health care. In addition, the law is unacceptable because most people like soda. They ought to be able to choose the drinks they want.

According to reports in this newspaper, a **majority** of voters are against the new law. It is not compassionate, it won't improve public health, and it won't raise money for the city. Remember: If it passes, those who voted for it will lose the next election.

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1. All citizens will be voting on the new law.	true	false
2. The letter writer is an opponent of the measure.	true	false
3. Greentown's law raised prices by a smaller percentage.	true	false
4. Greentown has much more money for health care now.	true	false
5. There is a lot of support for the law among citizens.	true	false

6. What do the two major parties think about the soda tax?

a. They're both in favour of it. b. They're both against it. c. Only one is in favour of it.

7. How much does a bottle of soda cost now?

a. £15 b. £1.79 c. £2.06

8. Which is NOT mentioned as a reason for the new tax?

a. Better health b. More money for hospitals c. More money for schools

9. Since the law in Greentown passed, people there have been _____.

a. drinking a lot less soda b. buying soda somewhere else c. getting healthier

10. The word **majority** in the reading means _____.

a. more than half b. connection between things c. a guess of the cost, size, etc.

9. Read and answer the questions.

Reporter: Hello, madam. I'm a politics reporter for Channel 4 News. If you don't mind, may I ask you a few questions about the general election next week?

Voter: Sure, go ahead.

Reporter: First of all, do you plan to vote?

Voter: Yes, of course. I never miss an election. I believe in our democratic system.

Reporter: When you decide how to vote, which problems in our country do you care about the most? Here's a list; please choose the three most important ones.

Voter: Let's see… I think the biggest problems are, first, not enough jobs. Then high taxes, and a poor education system. Those are the things our government should be concentrating on.

Reporter: I notice you didn't choose climate change or immigration.

Voter: I think climate change is a huge danger. But the other problems are more immediate. And I don't care about immigration.

Reporter: Are you in favour of our country joining the international accord on climate change?

Voter: Yes, I strongly support that. The whole world needs to cooperate to save the planet.

Reporter: One more question: Which party will you be supporting?

Voter: The party of the current prime minister, the National Party. They represent my beliefs the best. And my local candidate is excellent. I can vote for her with **enthusiasm.**

1. The voter believes in democracy.	true	false
2. She is against immigration.	true	false
3. She thinks climate change is a threat.	true	false
4. She thinks the country's schools are good.	true	false
5. She doesn't like the prime minister's party	true	false

6. What will be happening next week?

a. A vote on a law b. A news report c. An election

7. What problem does the voter consider most important?

a. Employment b. Immigration c. Education

8. What does the voter think about the climate agreement?

a. She is in favour of it. b. She opposes it. c. She doesn't care.

9. Which is true about the voter?

a. She hasn't chosen a party. b. She likes her local candidate. c. She usually doesn't vote.

10. The word **enthusiasm** in the reading means _____.

a. an idea you are sure is true b. using violence for political purposes c. a strong positive feeling

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Answer Key

1.
1. d
2. a
3. c
4. a
5. c

2.
1. d
2. a
3. e
4. b
5. c

3.
1. h
2. d
3. f
4. a
5. b
6. j
7. c
8. i
9. e
10. g

4.
1. to be
2. breaks
3. will take
4. have known
5. be building

5.
1. have to
2. could
3. must
4. better
5. ought

6.
1. the monarch is going to be ruling the country for years.
2. We need to keep up with the news.
3. By 2025, I will have become a millionaire.
4. If it doesn't rain, the crops don't grow.
5. If she becomes prime minister, she's going to raise taxes.

7.
1. make → making
2. we'll → we
3. to remember → remember
4. came → come
5. could → can

8.
1. false
2. true
3. true
4. false
5. false
6. a
7. b
8. c
9. b
10. a

9.
1. true
2. false
3. true
4. false
5. false
6. c
7. a
8. a
9. b
10. c