



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 2: GINSENG

Practise and consolidate your learning by completing our activities. In the first one you need to refer to the words in bold to choose the correct common collocation to complete the sentence.

ACTIVITY 1

1. The latest figures are encouraging, and indicate a _____ **the economy**.
 - a. strength in
 - b. growth in
 - c. high in
2. The motives that compel students to seek _____ **education** are quite varied.
 - a. top
 - b. open
 - c. higher
3. The government will need to address the problems facing the now _____ environment after the recent disaster.
 - a. fragile
 - b. unstable
 - c. weak
4. The scientists were preparing to _____ the **environment** in the Antarctic.
 - a. explore
 - b. discover
 - c. investigate
5. His application was rejected because he _____ the **finances** for his venture.
 - a. was minus
 - b. lacked
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- a. drink
 - b. swallow
 - c. take
7. There is usually a _____ **medicine** in third world countries.
- a. shortage of
 - b. limit in
 - c. reduction of
8. The software company will be showcasing its _____ **technology**.
- a. unknown
 - b. up-to-date
 - c. latest
9. Children readily _____ new **technology** compared with their parents who are often reluctant to do so.
- a. embrace
 - b. support
 - c. approve
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- a. downfall in
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ACTIVITY 2

Match each of the adjectives in the left-hand column with a suitable noun from the right. The noun in bold is the headword. The first one has been done for you.

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| 1. prevailing | strategy |
| 2. burning | price |
| 3. counselling | industry |
| 4. throbbing | issue |
| 5. soaring | trade |
| 6. discerning | trend |
| 7. thriving | service |
| 8. learning | traveller |
| 9. flourishing | inflation |
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ACTIVITY 3

Choose which meaning of '**say**' is used in the following sentences. To review how 'say' can be used in different ways look at the episode video or transcript.

1. Scientists **say** the likelihood of finding a cure for cancer in the next five to seven years is remote.
 - a. giving an example
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9. Defenders of advertising **say** that the controversial billboard is both helpful and informative.
- giving an example
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