



Go The Distance
Academic Vocabulary

Activity 1: Sentence completion

Complete each sentences using one of the words in the box. You can use each word only once.

define	concept	interpretation	factors	required	analysis
evidence	assume	significant	structure	approach	researched

1. Modern political theorists _____ this problem in a variety of ways.
2. Under the terms of the treaty, companies wishing to claim compensation are _____ to present evidence within 28 days.
3. The _____ for these claims regarding the inefficiency of HR systems is to be found in Appendix I.
4. There are three important _____ which can prevent the polymerization of nanochlorides.
5. Vaughan's (2011) _____ of Sun et. al.'s (2010) data has been heavily criticized.
6. There have been numerous attempts to _____ 'quality of life' in such a way as to permit accurate measurement.
7. The _____ of 'group rights' has come to prominence in Singaporean ethical theories since the 1980's.
8. _____ changes were made to the company's management structure in the 1980s.
9. These calculations _____ the reliability of Coutinho's pricing model.
10. A spectrographic _____ of the three samples was conducted immediately.
11. Heinemann (2014) _____ the relationship between Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and consumer decisions in modern industrial economies.
12. This paper will investigate the forces which _____ cooperative relationships between asymmetrical organisations.

Activity 2: Paragraph checking

Here's a paragraph from a student's essay on International Business. The paragraph contains ten vocabulary mistakes. Read it carefully, spot the mistakes, and highlight or underline them. When you've chosen your answers, take a look at the model answer on the next page.

'Special Economic Zones' are normally set out or thought by most people to be geographical areas, typically in developing countries, in which taxes on international business operations are very decreased. Besides, in many cases companies operating in Special Economic Zones don't have to obey all national laws on health and safety and on workers' rights (Shao et al., 2012). Many commentators (e.g. Crook 1989; Baccala 2000; Hobbes & David 2012) regard this as a terrible situation, with extremely negative effects on the economies of developing countries, as well as the guys who actually work in the Special Economic Zones. Baccala (2000) in particular has backed up her claims with extensive economic and sociological data. Reith and Clarke (2010), on the other hand, argue that the effects of Special Economic Zones are not so bad, and maybe even positive. They claim that workers in these areas can get new skills, and this can help them to get on in their careers. However, Reith and Clarke provide no evidence in support of this claim.

More

Remember to check our Academic vocabulary webpages for information and activities to practise:

- Vocabulary we use – and don't use – in academic writing
- Spelling some useful academic vocabulary
- Recording academic vocabulary

You can find these activities at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z8gp2nb>

Answers

Activity 1: Sentence completion

1. Modern political theorists **approach** this problem in a variety of ways.
2. Under the terms of the treaty, companies wishing to claim compensation are **required** to present evidence within 28 days.
3. The **evidence** for these claims regarding the inefficiency of HR systems is to be found in Appendix I.
4. There are three important **factors** which can prevent the polymerization of nanochlorides.
5. Vaughan's (2011) **interpretation** of Sun et. al's (2010) data has been heavily criticized.
6. There have been numerous attempts to **define** 'quality of life' in such a way as to permit accurate measurement.
7. The **concept** of 'group rights' has come to prominence in Singaporean ethical theories since the 1980's.
8. **Significant** changes were made to the company's management structure in the 1980s.
9. These calculations **assume** the reliability of Coutinho's pricing model.
10. A spectrographic **analysis** of the three samples was conducted immediately.
11. Heinemann (2014) **researched** the relationship between Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and consumer decisions in modern industrial economies.
12. This paper will investigate the forces which **structure** cooperative relationships between asymmetrical organisations.

Activity 2: Paragraph checking

There are many possible ways to fix these mistakes. Here is a model answer:

'Special Economic Zones' are normally **defined as** geographical areas, typically in developing countries, in which taxes on international business operations are **significantly** decreased. **Furthermore**, in many cases companies operating in Special Economic Zones are not **required to** obey all national laws on health and safety and on workers' rights (Shao et al., 2012). Many commentators (e.g. Crook 1989; Baccala 2000; Hobbes & David 2012) argue that this has extremely negative effects on the economies of developing countries, as well as **those** who actually work in the Special Economic Zones. Baccala (2000) in particular has **supported** her claims with extensive economic and sociological data. Reith and Clarke (2010), on the other hand, argue that the effects of Special Economic Zones are not so **detrimental**, and **possibly** even positive. They claim that workers in

these areas can **acquire** new skills, and this can help them to **advance** in their careers. However, Reith and Clarke provide no evidence in support of this claim.