

DIY psychology

Ex. 1 Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. proponent
2. pronouncement
3. niggling (e.g. difficulties)
4. unassailable (e.g. truth)
5. surmountable
6. solace
7. crippling (e.g. effects)
8. aggravating
9. fallacy
10. hitherto

Column B

- a) agonizing
- b) possible to be overcome
- c) indisputable, irrefutable
- d) up till now
- e) overwhelming, debilitating
- f) spokesman, supporter, believer
- g) annoying
- h) wrong belief
- i) statement
- j) consolation, comfort

Ex. 2 Fill in the gaps with suitable words and expression from Ex. 1.

1. Hackneyed are just silly fabrications which cannot change anybody's life.
2. This crisis and high unemployment rate can have effects on our economy in the long-term.
3. After sharing your problems with a psychotherapist, you'll find
4. President-elect made his first a few days ago.
5. I haven't been a very confident person, but today I'm going to change it.
6. His behaviour is really I can't stand it any longer.
7. At present, we are dealing with some difficulties, which are by all means In my judgment, we are able to overcome them with ease.
8. During the parliamentary debate he gave logical arguments which were
9. I hope that you'll overcome those difficulties which you are faced with currently.
10. I am a committed of sovereignty and independence.

Ex. 3 Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. These new regulations don't apply every citizen.
2. He is said to be a fraud but he masquerades a decent guy.
3. Firefighters are often exposed fire hazards.
4. Becoming a famous painter might not be your reach.
5. Our annual report is good shape.
6. There is an upward tendency buying iPhones.
7. As you've already seen, she is prone exaggeration.
8. Are they really trying to substitute clichés serious thought?
9. This theory rests the false premise.

10. Even though he was a very skilled scientist, he had never lived to his full potential.
11. a result of his recklessness, he wasn't promoted last year.
12. These methods are familiar practitioners of complementary medicine.
13. When are you going to set writing your dissertation?
14. She always derives pleasure random acts of kindness.
15. At the meeting he put an interesting plan of launching a new product.
16. Prime Minister has got caught in a financial scandal.
17. The validity these assertion has been questioned.
18. I couldn't resist eating sweets and finally I succumbed my temptation.

Ex. 4 Translate into English:

1. Robert podaje się za dziennikarza, ale w rzeczywistości nim nie jest. –
2. Ania ma skłonność do jedzenia słodczy. –
3. To stwierdzenie jest niepodważalną prawdą. –
4. On jest orędownikiem/rzecznikiem nowego podejścia do gospodarki. –
5. Jako ekonomista on używa dużo niezrozumiałego żargonu. –
6. Kate popiera/opowiada się za błędnymi wyobrażeniami. –

Additional words & expressions:

- hackneyed (fallacies) = trite
- legitimate advice = justifiable
- (scientific) scrutiny = analysis
- primarily = mainly, chiefly
- to advocate = to support
- misconception = fallacy = wrong belief
- questionable remedies = dubious remedies
- assertion = claim
- suppressed (abilities) = strangled
- concept = notion
- incomprehensible (jargon) = unintelligible, unclear, impossible to understand
- to illuminate = to clarify
- to address the problem = to tackle, to deal with the problem
- engagingly = interestingly, entertainingly