

Reading for Unit 11

1 Complete the sentences with correct forms of the following verbs:

DRAG DOWN, ENTER, ESCALATE, GAUGE, MITIGATE, PROCURE, PURSUE, SHORTEN

- 1 UNICEF _____ US\$97 million worth of medical supplies in 2005.
- 2 The jury must take into account any _____ circumstances presented by the defence, such as previous good character.
- 3 Part of the strategy _____ by the management team is to ensure that the company's value is not dependent on a single candidate.
- 4 The goal of this report is to assist managers in _____ a company's financial performance.

2 Complete each sentence with a word made from the words given in brackets:

- 1 There will be an extra charge for any _____ passengers. (ADD)
- 2 He declined to discuss the _____ of the case. (SPECIFY)
- 3 This solution has worsened investment _____ of the project. (ATTRACT)
- 4 Their free web seminars are designed to help both _____ customers as well as existing customers. (PROSPECT)
- 5 The contest is designed to help seek out and identify the most _____ start-ups in the industry. (PROMISE)
- 6 All these _____ can considerably affect the price. (VARY)

3 Complete each sentence with one of expressions highlighted in the text you have read.

- 1 An angel investor is NOT an investor with golden wings and a halo but rather an individual who provides _____ to a new business and expects a percentage of ownership equity in return.
- 2 _____ are incurred before a certain activity takes place and cannot be recovered by the possible sale of the asset they produced.
- 3 The huge expansion of national debt would lead to a heavy _____ on the future generation.
- 4 _____ is probability of loss resulting from failed or inadequate controls, processes, or systems, or from human or external events.