

EXTRACT 1

TASK Find the words in the text defined by the following:

1. **hassle** = a situation that causes problems for you, or that annoys you very much:
*I hate to cause you any **hassle** – are you sure it's OK?*

2. **pitfall** = a problem that is likely to happen in a particular situation
*She was well aware of the potential **pitfalls** of running a business.*
avoid a **pitfall**: *Her advice helped me avoid some of the common **pitfalls**.*

3. **to make or break** = to help someone or something to be very successful or to cause them to fail completely
*They have the ability to **make or break** a new star.*

4. **reputable** = generally considered to be honest and reliable

5. **peace of mind** = a state when you are calm and have no worries

6. **to draw upon/on** = to use something that you have gradually gained or saved
*As an actor, you often **draw on** your own life experiences.*
*Your body **draws on** its reserves of fat during the times when you are fasting.*

7. **hurdle** = an upright frame that a person or horse must jump over during a race; one of several problems you must solve before you can do something successfully

8. **encounter** = to experience or deal with something, especially a problem; to meet someone or see something for the first time

9. **tailor something to/for** = to make or change something especially for a particular person or purpose

10. **domestic** = relating to people's homes and family life; relating to the country being talked about and not other countries.

11. **to span** = a) to last for a particular period of time, especially a long period
*His career **spanned** half a century.*

b) to cover or cross an area completely:
*Our business **spans** the globe.*

2a. if a bridge **spans** an area of water, it crosses it:
*Little grey bridges **span** the canals.*

EXTRACT 2

TASK Find the words in the text defined by the following:

Par 1

1. **testament to** = evidence that something exists or is true; legal: a will; Bible: Old and New **Testaments**

2. **impartial** = not connected to or influenced by one particular person or group

Judges need to be **impartial**.

3. **to project** = to calculate future amount, to plan

4. **indication** = a sign that something will happen, is true, or exists; sign

5. **dedication** = the large amount of time and effort that someone spends on something;

*The project has been a success, thanks to the **dedication** of all of our staff.*

a statement at the beginning of something such as a book or song that tells people it has been written for a person you love or admire

Par 2

1. **in question** = the person, thing, time etc in question is the one you are talking about at the present time

Par 3

1. **well-being** = the satisfactory state that someone or something should be in, that involves such things as being happy, healthy, and safe, and having enough money

2. **to encompass** = to include a lot of people or things; to include or surround an area completely

3. **tax-saving opportunities** = situations where you can pay less tax than usual

Par 4

1. **to stick your head in the sand** = to pretend a problem doesn't exist

2. **to take the matter off the agenda** = to stop being concerned about a problem

3. **jargon** = special words and phrases that are only understood by people who do the same kind of work. This word usually shows that you dislike this type of language

4. **regulation** = an official rule that controls the way things are done; control of an activity, process, or industry by official rules