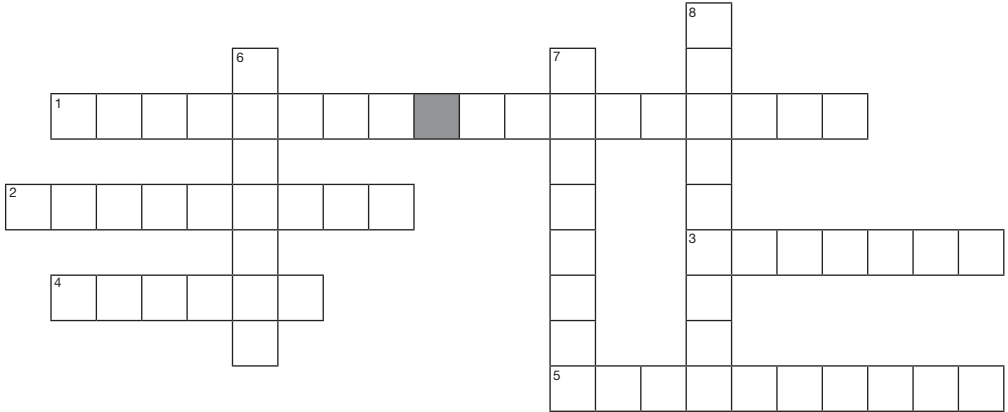


Unit 8: Big brother is watching you

Language: Solutions to problems

1 Read the clues. Complete the crossword puzzle with adjectives describing types of solutions.



Across →

- 1 pleasing to both sides (2-word expression)
- 2 continuing a long time into the future (with hyphen)
- 3 temporary
- 4 relating to the whole world
- 5 dealing with the relationships between governments

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- 6 not complete
- 7 suggested
- 8 able to be done successfully

2 Cover exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.

It's only an ¹ _____ ^{C2} solution, but we'll keep working towards a ² _____ ^{B2} one, even a permanent one if we're lucky.

The leaders of both countries must get together and work out a ³ _____ ^{C1} solution instead of threatening each other.

Well, it's only a ⁴ _____ ^{B2} solution. We need to find a better one, which is ⁵ _____ ^{C2} to management and workers.

Thank you for your suggestion, Darcy. Reg, Susan, how do you feel about her ⁶ _____ ^{B2} solution? You approve? Good, as I think it's quite a ⁷ _____ ^{C1} one that has a real chance of working.

We need a proper ⁸ _____ ^{B2} solution to the problem of climate change. It's not a local problem.

Extension exercises

3a Match 1–8 with a–h. Problems, Solutions

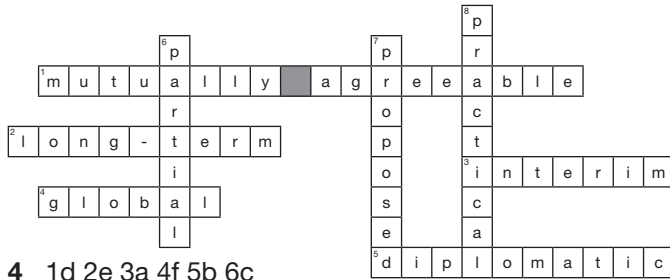
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| 1 He got into debt, paid it off and got into debt again. | a but it's an uphill battle ^{C2} . |
| 2 The police are confident that | b take the easy way out ^{C1} of things. |
| 3 They've usually managed to cope with things | c you realise it's just a quick fix . |
| 4 She's not sure how to solve the problem, as | d It's spiralled out of control ^{C2} . |
| 5 Well, I'm a bit lazy so I tend to | e He's trapped in a vicious circle ^{C2} . |
| 6 He's tried over and over to make progress on it | f they can get to the bottom of the mystery. |
| 7 Politicians can no longer handle the situation. | g it's such a thorny issue . |
| 8 You can do that if you want but I hope | h but now they're in a tight corner ^{C2} . |

3b Which highlighted expressions are about: a problems? b solutions?

4 Cover exercise 3. Put the words of the sentences in the correct order.

- 1 Unfortunately, /control/have/of/debts/out/her/spiralled/.
- 2 It's/take/out/easy/things/good/not/the/of/way/to/.
- 3 Trying/battle/university/is/best/get/uphill/the/to/into/an/.
- 4 Using/issue/country/nuclear/thorny/a/my/in/power/is/.
- 5 I'm/overwork/vicious/in/and/trapped/a/of/circle/exhaustion/.
- 6 He's/due/corner/a/financial/to/tight/problems/in/.
- 7 This/your/fix/a/problem/just/quick/is/to/.
- 8 They/this/the/problem/get/never/bottom/may/of/to/.

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4 1d 2e 3a 4f 5b 6c

Across →

- 1 mutually agreeable
- 2 long-term
- 3 interim
- 4 global
- 5 diplomatic

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- 6 partial
- 7 proposed
- 8 practical

2 1 interim 2 long-term 3 diplomatic 4 partial
5 mutually agreeable 6 proposed 7 practical
8 global

3a 1 e 2 f 3 h 4 g 5 b 6 a 7 d 8 c

3b a be an uphill battle, spiral out of control, be trapped in a vicious circle, be a thorny issue, be in a tight corner

b take the easy way out, be a quick fix, get to the bottom of

- 4 1 Unfortunately, her debts have spiralled out of control.
- 2 It's not good to take the easy way out of things.
- 3 Trying to get into the best university is an uphill battle.
- 4 Using nuclear power is a thorny issue in my country.
- 5 I'm trapped in a vicious circle of overwork and exhaustion.
- 6 He's in a tight corner due to financial problems.
- 7 This is just a quick fix to your problem.
- 8 They may never get to the bottom of this problem.