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'Stable' and its derivatives



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1. The rate of infection has fluctuated in past years but now appears to be _____ as there has been little change recorded recently.
- a) stabilisation
 - b) stabilising
 - c) stability
 - d) stabilises
2. Some structural weaknesses have been found and so the bridge has been closed while _____ work is undertaken.
- a) stabilisation
 - b) unstable
 - c) stability
 - d) stable
3. The country's reputation for political _____ and banking secrecy make it very attractive to private investors.
- a) stable
 - b) stabilisation
 - c) stability
 - d) stabilises
4. After the earthquake, many buildings were _____ and had to be demolished.
- a) unstable
 - b) unstabilises
 - c) stable
 - d) stabilisation
5. Increasing use of cocaine may lead to sleeplessness, emotional _____ and feelings of paranoia.
- a) stabilises
 - b) stabilisation
 - c) unstable
 - d) instability
6. The aircraft cabin is usually _____ at less than atmospheric pressure, so the oxygen content is less than usual.
- a) instability
 - b) stabilised
 - c) stabilises
 - d) stabilisation

ANSWERS:

1. The rate of infection has fluctuated in past years but now appears to be _____ as there has been little change recorded recently.

a) stabilisation - Sorry, this is a noun: you need a participle.

b) stabilising - Well done, this is correct!

c) stability - Sorry, this is a noun: you need a verb form.

d) stabilises - Sorry, this is the wrong form: you need a participle.

2. Some structural weaknesses have been found and so the bridge has been closed while _____ work is undertaken.

a) stabilisation - Well done, this is correct!

b) unstable - Sorry, this word has the wrong meaning, and you need a noun, not an adjective.

c) stability - Sorry, you need a different noun form.

d) stable - Sorry, this is an adjective: you need a noun form.

3. The country's reputation for political _____ and banking secrecy make it very attractive to private investors.

a) stable - Sorry, this is an adjective: you need a noun form.

b) stabilisation - Sorry, you need a different noun form.

c) stability - Well done, this is correct!

d) stabilises - Sorry, this is a verb: you need a noun form.

4. After the earthquake, many buildings were _____ and had to be demolished.

a) unstable - Well done, this is correct!

b) unstabilises - Sorry, this word does not exist.

c) stable - Sorry, this word has the wrong meaning.

d) stabilisation - Sorry, this word has the wrong meaning, and you need an adjective, not a noun.

5. Increasing use of cocaine may lead to sleeplessness, emotional _____ and feelings of paranoia.

a) stabilises - Sorry, this is a verb: you need a noun form.

b) stabilisation - Sorry, the meaning is wrong, and you need a different noun form.

c) unstable - Sorry, this is an adjective: you need a noun form.

d) instability - Well done, this is correct!

6. The aircraft cabin is usually _____ at less than atmospheric pressure, so the oxygen content is less than usual.

a) instability - Sorry, this is a noun, and you need a participle.

b) stabilised - Well done, this is correct!

c) stabilises - Sorry, you need a participle.

d) stabilisation - Sorry, this is a noun, and you need a participle.

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