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C1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

The prefix in- often gives a word the meaning "not".

inadmissible

not allowed as evidence in court

inauthentic

not genuine or original

inconclusive

not giving a clear result

incompatible

unable to exist or work together

ineligible

not allowed to take part or receive something

inessential

not necessary

inedible

not suitable to eat

incomprehensible

impossible or very difficult to understand

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. The results were _____, so the researchers needed another study.

2. The two computer systems are _____ without special software.

3. The signature was _____ and did not match the original document.

4. The applicant was _____ because she did not meet the age requirement.

5. The vegetables were _____ after being left outside for several days.

6. The lawyer argued that the recording was _____ as evidence.

7. The technical report was almost _____ to readers outside the field.

8. The extra decorations were _____ and removed from the final design.

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C1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word with in- in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. Why can research results be inconclusive?

2. What can make a technical text incomprehensible to non-experts?

3. How can we tell whether an item is authentic or inauthentic?

4. When are extra details inessential, and when are they useful?

5. What rules can make someone ineligible for an opportunity?

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C1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. The results were **inconclusive**, so the researchers needed another study.
2. The two computer systems are **incompatible** without special software.
3. The signature was **inauthentic** and did not match the original document.
4. The applicant was **ineligible** because she did not meet the age requirement.
5. The vegetables were **inedible** after being left outside for several days.
6. The lawyer argued that the recording was **inadmissible** as evidence.
7. The technical report was almost **incomprehensible** to readers outside the field.
8. The extra decorations were **inessential** and removed from the final design.