1. What do you think?

2. Vocabulary

*Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using words from the box.*

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1. This word means full of energy and life. Paris is a **vibrant** city.
2. This word means laughable (not in a funny way), absurd, crazy. It’s **ridiculous** that Hongkongers have to pay so much money for such tiny flats.
3. Another word for decreasing or getting smaller. Confidence in the Hong Kong stock market began **waning** at the height of the Occupy Central campaign.
4. **Galling** is another way of saying annoying or upsetting.
5. This is another way of saying “looking for”. She began **casting around** for new ways to make money.
6. This word means a period of ten years. He came to Hong Kong three **decades** ago (i.e. 30 years ago).
7. The dictionary defines this word as “the power to cause effect”. Some teachers dispute the **efficacy** of traditional dictation.
8. This occurs when the moon covers the sun. It can also mean overtake, overshadow. The USA may one day be **eclipsed** by China as the most powerful country in the world.
9. A bad feeling caused when you believe someone is treating you badly. The student felt **resentment** when the teacher repeatedly punished him.
10. Meaning thorough or doing something completely. The police carried out an **exhaustive** search for the body of the victim.