

ANSWER KEY

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Las Vegas suspect had more than 40 firearms in hotel and home, police say

The suspect in the Las Vegas shooting that has left at least 59 people dead and 527 injured had **amassed** an arsenal that included more than 40 firearms, police said on Monday night, as officials declared a state of emergency for the county encompassing the Las Vegas strip.

The authorities also recovered 19 firearms plus explosives and several thousand rounds of ammunition from Paddock's home in Nevada. Several pounds of ammonium nitrate, a material used to make explosives, were also found in Paddock's car.

The gunman opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel on the thousands of concertgoers attending the Route 91 country music festival on Sunday night.

Islamic State on Monday claimed that the gunman was "a soldier of the Islamic State", but authorities have said that there was no evidence to **substantiate** that claim and that the group had falsified its role in the attack.

The shooting turned an American city known for its nightclubs and casinos into a war zone as thousands of concertgoers ran for cover from the bullets pouring down on them. The attack was the latest in a **grim** list of mass shootings, and the **carnage surpassed** the death toll in Orlando in June 2016, when 49 people were killed.

The first reports of the shooting came just after 10pm local time, as the country music star Jason Aldean played. As the bullets began to spray the crowd, Aldean stopped playing and ran off stage, prompting chaos in the crowd.

At least 527 people were injured – some were wounded by gunshots and shrapnel while others were **trampled** or hurt trying to jump fences and **flee** the site, police said.

In **pursuit** of the gunman, officers **scoured** the hotel floor by floor until arriving at Paddock's suite. Paddock engaged officers through his hotel room door, injuring a security guard in the leg. Swat officers then broke down the door and **swarmed** the room, where they found Paddock dead.

"We believe the individual killed himself prior to our entry," the sheriff told reporters.

In Washington, Donald Trump called the attack an "act of pure evil". In a response that has become a ritual, Democrats demanded lawmakers take action on gun control measures they believe will prevent – or at least reduce the number of casualties – of a future mass shooting, while Republicans blamed them for politicizing the moment.

In Clark County, the coroner's office worked to identify the victims and notify families, as residents donated blood for the survivors. A number of evening vigils were planned around the city as donations and well-wishes poured in from around the country in support of the victims and their families.

By late Monday night, police said they still had no idea what motivated a retired accountant with no criminal history to carry out this attack.

Questions to think about:



- How did you feel when you heard this news? Do you think these days we are not as shocked as we should be by news such as this?
- Why do you think the individual Paddock would do such a thing?
- Why do you think ISIS would try to claim Paddock is one of them?
- What do you know of the gun laws in the US? What is your view on the ownership of guns?

I: Vocabulary and understanding meaning: Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been highlighted in bold in the article.

Column A: Word from text	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. amass(ed) (v)	B	A: very serious
2. substantiate (v)	F	B: collect, gather together, accumulate
3. grim (adj)	A	C: tread on, crush, walk all over
4. carnage (n)	J	D: search in detail, look in every corner
5. surpassed (v)	I	E: escape
6. trample(d) (v)	C	F: prove, provide evidence to support the truth of something/an incident
7. flee (v)	E	G: the act of chasing something, trying to catch someone
8. pursuit (n)	G	H: move somewhere in large numbers
9. scour(ed) (v)	D	I: exceed, be greater or more than
10. swarm(ed) (v)	H	J: the killing of a large number of people

II: Usage of vocabulary: Choose the most appropriate word from the table above to fill in the missing words of the sentences below making sure your answers are grammatically correct.

1. Unfortunately, one year on New Year's Eve in Hong Kong many people **were trampled** to death in Lan Kwai Fong. People were stepped on because it was way too crowded. Since then the authorities have taken every precaution to make sure it does not happen again.
2. The police (a) **swarmed** the building in large numbers in (b) **pursuit** of the criminals, doing their best to catch them and trying to stop them from (c) **fleeing** the scene of the crime. The police (d) scoured the building from top to bottom looking everywhere, but the suspects escaped.
3. The situation after the huge storms was (a) **grim**. The death toll (b) **surpassed** any death tolls of storms in the past.
4. Although he **amassed** a fortune at a young age, he lost it all gambling.
5. People could not believe the **carnage** after the riots, the number of people killed protesting was nothing they had ever expected to experience.
6. The detectives investigating the crime could not find enough evidence to **substantiate** the allegations of wrong doing. They had to let go of the chief suspect.

Challenge of the week: Being a sleuth: Do you think you are the next Sherlock Holmes? There is one way to find out. Try the mysteries your teacher will post on your class notice board.

See Ms Roberts for prizes if you know the answers!



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