ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Building

Part A. You will need to know the following important words before reading the script
of the news broadcast. Complete the table by:
1. identifying the part of speech of the given word;
2. matching the given word to its definition; and
3. writing the word in another part of speech in the numbered boxes.
You may use a dictionary if necessary.

Word	Part of sp.	Def.	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
E.g. official	n.	C		officiate		officially
investigate	1. v.	2. L	3. investigation			
detect	4. v.	5. K	6. detection		7. detecting	
powder	8. n.	9. T			10. powdery	
infant formula	n.	11. H				
contaminated	adj.	12. Q	13. contamination	14. contaminate		
rumour	15. n.	16. D				
boost	17. v.	18. P				
taint	19. v.	20. O			21. tainted	
mimic	22. v.	23. J				
recall	n.	24. I		25. recall		
authorities	26. n.	27. G			28. authoritative	
criticise	29. v.	30. M	31. criticism		32. critical	33. critically
alert	34. v.	35. S	36. alertness			
watchdog	37. n.	38. B				
ban	39. v.	40. R	41. ban		42. banned	
scandal	43. n.	44. F		45. scandalise	46. scandalous	47. scandalously
ensure	48. v.	49. N				
reliable	50. adj.	51. E	52. reliability	53. rely		54. reliably
dairy	55. adj.	56. A				

Definitions:

A. related to milk
B. a group of people who warn others about dangers or harmful things
C. a person who works for the government
D. a story that may or may not be true; gossip
E. able to depend on
F. an event that damages a person's name or reputation
G. government offices or agencies
H. milk powder for babies
I. an order to return something that is faulty
J. to copy a behaviour or action
K. to discover or see something suddenly
L. to find out the facts about something
M. to judge or show the good and the bad sides of something
N. to make certain or definite that something will happen
O. to make impure and unusable
P. to make something better or stronger
Q. poisoned or dirtied
R. to make something illegal or unlawful to do
S. to warn or point something out to someone
T. very small and fine solids

Part B. Complete the following sentences with the words in Part A. Pay attention to parts of speech and verb tense.

1. Can the new medicine ___*boost*___ the patient's ability to fight the illness?

2. Can we ___*rely*___ on the workers to get the job done?

3. During the ___*investigation*___ how many people did the police interview?

4. How ___*scandalous*___ ! The actor's nude photos can be seen online.

5. I love all kinds of ___*dairy*___ products – cheese and ice cream, you name it!

6. Many experts are ___*alerting*___ investors to worse economic times ahead.

7. Mrs Chan bought a dozen cans of ___*infant formula*___ for her baby yesterday.

8. Please call the restaurant to ___*ensure*___ that we have a table for dinner tonight!

9. ___*Rumour*___ has it that the actress became pregnant before she got married.

10. His reputation was ___*tainted*___ after the embarrassing incident.

11. The *authorities* have closed the road to traffic for the holiday parade.

12. The company had to *recall* the new toy because it was dangerous for children to play with.

13. The factories *contaminated* the lake nearby with all kinds of poisons and wastes.

14. The principal *banned* eating and drinking in the classroom.

15. The public *criticised* the government for failing to reduce pollution.

16. The students made fun of their teacher by *mimicking* his strange behaviour.

17. The trained dogs can *detect* illegal drugs that are hidden in suitcases.

18. The *watchdog* group wants to make sure human rights are protected.

19. You can make mocha by adding hot coffee to the chocolate *powder* .

C. Use the sentences above as examples and write at least 10 of your own sentences. You may use the words in any form you like (e.g. part of speech, verb tense). Use a dictionary if necessary.

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