

JUNIOR LEVEL

Vocabulary bank

Replace the highlighted words with words from the news article.

CE-elect Carrie Lam said her work in putting together a governing team is making good **1. head way**. But it is also a **2. difficult task** as many people do not want to become officials. They do not want to be subject to constant media **3. examination**, which they fear might affect their **4. personal** life. Lam hopes to have more women in her cabinet, but with people's reluctance, she could not **5. ensure** that this will happen.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

ADVANCED LEVEL

A. Fill in the blanks

Please complete the table below:

Issue	Carrie Lam talked about asking people to join her 1. _____.
Problem	She described the task as 2. _____.
Reason	-- Many people worry that being an official would affect their 3. _____. -- There are too many 4. _____ arguments. -- Officials are subject to severe media 5. _____.
Assurance	But the CE-elect has confidence that her accountability team will be 6. _____ and practical.

B. CRITICAL THINKING

1. Should government officials be subject to public scrutiny? Why or why not?
2. Does supervising officials' work justify insulting them?
3. Do you think Hong Kong politicians are being too harshly on the officials?
4. Is the local community 'overly politicised' as some have suggested?
5. 'If you cannot stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.' Please discuss.



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[Answers]

Junior level

1. progress; 2. challenge; 3. scrutiny; 4. private; 5. guarantee

Advanced level

A. Fill in the blanks

1. cabinet; 2. a challenge; 3. family life; 4. political; 5. scrutiny; 6. competent