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Bitcoin

1 Find the information

Read the *BuzzWord* article on *Bitcoin* and answer these questions.

1. Where can you use *Bitcoins*?
2. How does *Bitcoin* differ from conventional currencies?
3. How many new *Bitcoins* are released every ten minutes?
4. What is the currency code for *Bitcoin*?
5. What is a *digital wallet*?
6. Give one advantage and one disadvantage of *Bitcoins*.

2 Find the odd one out

Cross out the alternative that has a different meaning to the others.

1. *Bitcoin* is an electronic currency created *specifically* / *especially* / *generally* for use on the internet.
2. *Bitcoin* doesn't operate like *conventional* / *traditional* / *commercial* currencies.
3. *Bitcoins* are not *circulated* / *controlled* / *regulated* by a central bank.
4. *Bitcoins* are *released* / *created* / *produced* by a network of computers.
5. *Bitcoins* can be *converted* / *added* / *changed* into conventional currency.
6. Using *Bitcoins* avoids the *wages* / *charges* / *fees* imposed by banks.

3 Define the noun

Match the nouns in the left-hand column with the definitions in the right-hand column. The nouns can all be found in the **Background** section of the *BuzzWord* article.

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| 1. compound | a. a group of letters that is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning |
| 2. scenario | b. a large or important new project |
| 3. orthography | c. a situation that could possibly happen |
| 4. pseudonym | d. a name that someone uses that is not their real name |
| 5. enterprise | e. the system of spelling that a language uses |
| 6. prefix | f. a combination of two or more words used as a single word |

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4 Common prefixes

Read the dictionary definitions and complete the examples with the prefixes in the box. There are two prefixes you don't need.

aero-	anglo-	astro-	auto-	crypto-
eco-	geo-	micro-	mono-	psycho-

- secret or hidden: crypto gram, crypto graphy
- relating to England: _____ centric, _____ catholic
- relating to yourself, or working alone: _____ biography, _____ matic
- relating to planes or the air: _____ plane, _____ dynamic
- extremely small: _____ scopic, _____ chip
- single or one: _____ syllabic, _____ chrome
- connected with your mind: _____ logy, _____ analyse
- relating to planets and stars: _____ naut, _____ nomer

5 Compound nouns

Bitcoin is a new compound noun. Use the words in the box to form eight common compound nouns and use them to complete the sentences below.

bag	board	book	book	birth	cakes	cloth	coat
day	dish	hand	key	note	pan	shops	waist

- I can't seem to find my keys. I thought they were in my _____ .
- He was looking very smart in a grey suit with a patterned _____ .
- Please use a separate _____ to clean the kitchen surfaces.
- We had a huge breakfast of _____ with maple syrup.
- You should write any new vocabulary in your _____ .
- When is Jayne's _____ ? I'd like to send her a card.
- You need good typing skills if you want a job as a _____ operator.
- _____ are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with online retailers.