1. Match the words to their definitions:

- 1. Profile D. Display of important characteristics or description
- 2. Resources F. Natural assets or useful materials
- 3. Brush off **B. To disregard or ignore** someone
- 4. Aggressive H. Actively hostile or confrontational
- 5. Sanity I. Mental health or soundness of mind
- 6. Unfair L. Unjust, biased, or partial
- 7. Essential J. Crucial; absolutely necessary
- 8. Forceful R. Intense or powerful in impact
- 9. Uncompromising G. Strict, inflexible; unwilling to compromise
- 10. Evoke K. Causing strong emotions or memories
- 11. Out of the frying pan into the fire **T. Going** from a bad situation to a worse one
- 12. Unendurable N. Too intense or extreme to tolerate
- 13. Perish O. To die or be destroyed
- 14. Submissiveness Q. Lack of resistance; obedience
- 15. Decompose P. To break down or rot naturally
- 16. Wither away C. To lose strength gradually; fade
- 17. Ponder S. To think deeply
- 18. Calm down E. To become mentally balanced or at peace
- 19. Get to grips with M. To accept or handle a challenging situation
- 20. Cajole A. Persuade someone gently or flatteringly

2. Fill in the blanks:

- 1. To handle a complex situation, it's **essential** to stay rational and not let emotions cloud your judgment.
- 2. Her **submissiveness** to confront her boss on the issue shows how she tends to avoid conflicts.
- 3. After the argument, he needed time to **calm down** and gather his thoughts.

- 4. The severe storm forced emergency responders to gather all available **resources** to ensure everyone's safety.
- 5. Moving to a different department felt like going **out of the frying pan into the fire** for John, as both had serious challenges.
- 6. The teacher's **forceful** approach motivated the students to work harder but also intimidated some.
- 7. Realizing his mistake, he made an effort to **cajole** the angry client into giving them another chance.
- That level of pressure would be unendurable for most people, even under the best circumstances.
- 9. The gardener worried the plants might wither away if the dry spell continued.
- 10. Some conflicts are resolved through cooperation, while others require a more **aggressive** stance.
- 11. Before making a decision, it's wise to **ponder** the potential consequences.
- 12. He found it difficult to **get to grips with** the new company policies that seemed both strict and unproductive.
- 13. The leaves begin to **decompose** once autumn settles in, marking the change of seasons.
- 14. The magazine's **profile** on the politician focused on their career highlights and public image.
- 15. Often, the artist tries to **evoke** a sense of nostalgia through their work.
- 16. The employee felt the new rules were **unfair** and favored management disproportionately.
- 17. Despite his usual **uncompromising** nature, the athlete surprised everyone by speaking out about unfair treatment.
- 18. Fearing they'd **perish** in the desert, they carefully rationed their water and supplies.
- 19. She'd been criticized for her **aggressive** stance, especially when her own ideas clashed with the group's consensus.
- 20. A strong sense of **submissiveness** is sometimes mistaken for weakness, though it can be a conscious choice.