

1. What do you think?

2. Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using words from the box.

boost	fractures	consumption	coincidental
pronounced	fermented	mortality	speculated
hasten	shortcomings	flaw	dietitian

1. John's favourite **fermented** product is kimchi.
2. In this context it means very noticeable. He has a **pronounced** Scottish accent.
3. It means to improve, enhance, magnify or raise something. According to recent research, drinking cocoa can **boost** the memory of old people.
4. The using up of goods or resources. China's **consumption** of coal is causing damage to the environment.
5. A person who is an expert in food and nutrition is known as a **dietitian**.
6. This word means to speed up, hurry or accelerate. Smoking will **hasten** death.
7. Broken bones are also known as **fractures**.
8. It means death. The **mortality** rate of front-line soldiers in war is very high.
9. Your failings, flaws and weaknesses. She has many **shortcomings**. She's often late and makes lots of mistakes but she is extremely kind.
10. To guess or have a theory about something. John **speculated** all day about why Mary killed herself.
11. A fault, shortcoming, defect or weakness. Hamlet's tragic **flaw** is his inability to take action.
12. Accidental or happening by chance. They hadn't seen each other for 20 years. The fact that they had booked seats next to each other on the plane was purely **coincidental**.