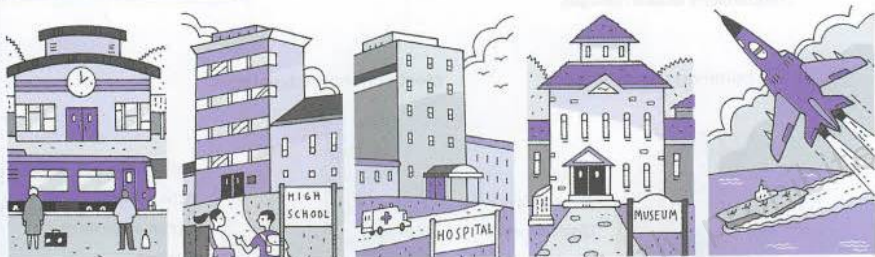


Government



- 1.1** Which of the following services do you think receives the most government money in your country? Use a dictionary to check the meaning of the words. What other things do governments fund?

public transport education healthcare
social welfare the arts defence

- 1.2** ▶ 17 Listen to a telephone conversation and complete the table with **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS OR A NUMBER**.

Problem	Who to contact
broken ¹ _____	² _____ officer – name: ³ _____
dangerous cliff	⁴ _____ (secretary of the ⁵ _____) Tel: ⁶ _____
⁷ _____ needed on Bramhurst Road	John Marsden (the local ⁸ _____ of _____)

- 1.3** Match the jobs (1–6) with the definitions (a–f).

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| 1 mayor | a is an administrator who works for the government |
| 2 bureaucrat | b has the highest position in government in a country |
| 3 prime minister or president | c represents a local community in the government |
| 4 member of parliament | d ensures correct rules and regulations are put in place |
| 5 leader of the opposition | e is in charge of the biggest political party not in power |
| 6 civil servant | f is the leader of a group which governs a town or city |

- 2 *Mis-* is a common prefix which indicates something has been done wrongly or badly. Add *mis-* to the verbs in the box and use them to complete the sentences below.

understand manage interpret trust
judge inform calculate diagnose lead

- 1 A person deliberately telling someone something incorrect might *mis*_____ them.
- 2 A doctor might *mis*_____ a disorder.
- 3 A government might *mis*_____ the economy.
- 4 Someone trying to work out what something means might *mis*_____ or *mis*_____ it.
- 5 Someone trying to make you believe something that is untrue will *mis*_____ you.
- 6 Someone adding up figures might *mis*_____.
- 7 Someone who forms the wrong opinion of people will *mis*_____ them.
- 8 Someone who has experience of corruption might *mis*_____ your intentions.

- 3.1 Make as many expressions as you can using a word from each of the three circles. There are several different possible combinations.

feel take
have lose be

blame entitled control
responsible charge responsibility

over of
to for

feel to blame for

- 3.2 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets. You may need to add verbs or prepositions.

- 1 We _____ what private businesses pay their staff. (no, control [n])
- 2 The culture department _____ the running of museums. (be, responsible)
- 3 I think the mayor has _____ the council. (lose, control)
- 4 Politicians should always _____ their emotions. (be, control [n])
- 5 Public spending is totally _____ . (out, control [n])
- 6 The state _____ to provide healthcare. (have, responsibility)
- 7 We need to find out who _____ the crisis. (be, blame)
- 8 The government needs to _____ the current problems. (take, charge)
- 9 In some countries, you _____ free medical care. (be, entitled)
- 10 The party leader _____ their election defeat. (take, blame)

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The word *government* is one of the most commonly misspelt words by IELTS candidates. To help you remember, divide it into two separate parts: *govern* + *ment*. Try to remember that it is the *government's* job to *govern* the country.

Society

4.1 Read the passage and complete the notes below using **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage.

V Vocabulary note

Some common collocations with social and society are:
social services, social worker, social mobility, modern society, civil society, consumer society.

A welfare state is a taxation system which allows the state to provide for the economic and social well-being of its citizens. It is based on the notion of equal opportunities for all, equitable distribution of wealth, and public responsibility for those unable to meet their own needs. The general term may cover a variety of forms of assistance but principally involves the payment of some form of pension. There are two main interpretations of the idea of a welfare state. One is a model in which the state assumes primary responsibility for the welfare of its citizens and in which all aspects of welfare are considered to be the right of every citizen. Alternatively, a welfare state can refer to the creation of a safety net to provide social services such as free childcare.

The existence of pensions can be traced back as far as the Roman Empire, when soldiers were provided with a pension on retiring from military service. The modern welfare system in the UK developed during the late 19th and 20th century and includes the provision of both cash welfare benefits (such as an old-age pension or unemployment benefit) and welfare services not involving money (such as healthcare). Through these provisions, a welfare state can empower its citizens and directly affect their well-being and personal autonomy. Welfare systems began to develop intensively at the end of the Second World War, when non-government organisations (e.g. charities) became important providers of social services.

Welfare state

Definition: *the government* gives financial support and takes responsibility for the
 1 _____ of the *people who live in that country*

Basis: *the belief* that:

- everyone should have *the same* 2 _____
- society should help *people who can't take care of themselves*
- everyone is entitled to financial help
- welfare can create a 3 _____ through the provision of social services and help for those in need

Forms of welfare:

1) Financial

- People *mainly* receive a type of 4 _____
- Two examples of monetary entitlements are 5 _____ and 6 _____

2) Non-financial

- The government provides services, e.g. 7 _____ and 8 _____

Historical background:

- The Roman Empire gave a form of welfare payment to those who completed 9 _____
- After the Second World War, some 10 _____ were taken care of by charitable organisations

4.2 PARAPHRASE Now find words and phrases in the first paragraph of the passage with a similar meaning to the words in italics in the notes.

