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Student answers will vary for columns 3-4.

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		Example of correct answers:	
1. sweltering	adjective	hot	
2. document	noun	paper	
3. several	adjective	many	
4. committee	noun	group	
5. draft	noun	first try	
6. noteworthy	adjective	famous	
7. issues	noun	ideas or points	
8. revisions	noun	changes	
9. version	noun	form	
10. adopted	verb	approved or okayed	