

HOMEWORK SHEET

A- Latin words and their plural form

data, agenda, media, criteria, phenomena, bacteria : all these words are in their plural form. They are derived or borrowed from Latin. Hence, **you never add -s to these words**, although the verb or article is plural.

- *datum, data* : users' data **are** being hijacked
- *agendum, agenda* : Politicians put security at the top of **their** agenda.
- *medium, media* : Social media **are** an issue in political advertising.
- *criterion, criteria* : To become president you must meet **many** criteria
- *phenomenon, phenomena* : experts struggle to explain **these** phenomena.
- *bacterium, bacteria* : Scientists try to better understand **these** bacteria.

B - Brainstorming questions for next class

- Can you guess why the USA is a bi-partisan ? Why isn't there a 3rd party?
- Can you guess why the founding fathers were so reluctant to the concentration of power ?
- Can you think of any further consequences of a bi-partite system ?
- Do you think that the US still guarantees democracy ?
- List the essential values democracies should protect.



C- Write a few sentences to describe the cartoon and the issue it tackles. Use as many new words as possible.

According to you, what does the cartoon criticise ?

What issues does it expose ?

- **to depict** – représenter visuellement
- **to portray** – dépeindre (souvent avec une intention)
- **to satirize** – tourner en dérision
- **to mock** – se moquer de
- **to caricature** – caricaturer, exagérer des traits
- **to exaggerate** – exagérer
- **to symbolize** – symboliser
- **to allude to** – faire allusion à (*The cartoon alludes to recent political scandals*)
- **to highlight** – mettre en évidence
- **to underscore** – souligner, accentuer
- **to criticize** – critiquer
- **to denounce** – dénoncer
- **to convey (a message)** – transmettre (*The image conveys a clear warning*)
- **to challenge (an idea)** – remettre en question
- **to expose** – révéler, mettre au jour, souvent un abus ou une contradiction. (*the cartoon exposes the flaws of the democratic process.*)
- **to feature** – présenter, inclure (*it features several protagonists*)
- **to cast** – montrer, jeter (*it casts a pathetic vision of*)
- **to emphasise** – insister sur, souligner le fait que (*it emphasizes the issue of...*)

D- Look for the following definitions. (Avoid using Chat GPT which can give biased information. Use reliable dictionaries such as Oxford Dictionary, Merriam Webster, Cambridge Dictionary, etc.)

democracy, republic, oligarchy, dictatorship, authoritarianism, totalitarianism, free speech, hate speech.