

## THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

### Today's CIA

The CIA is an independent agency responsible for providing national security intelligence to senior US policymakers. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (D/CIA) is nominated by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director manages the operations, personnel, and budget of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The CIA is separated into four basic components: the National Clandestine Service, the Directorate of Intelligence, the Directorate of Science & Technology, and the Directorate of Support. They carry out 'the intelligence cycle', the process of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence information to top US government officials.

In addition, the D/CIA has several staffs that deal with public affairs, human resources, mission innovation, protocol, congressional affairs, legal issues, information management, and internal oversight.

### What We Do

The CIA's primary mission is to collect, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate foreign intelligence to assist the President and senior US government policymakers in making decisions relating to national security. This is a very complex process and involves a variety of steps.

First, we have to identify a problem or an issue of national security concern to the US government. In some cases, the CIA is directed to study an intelligence issue – such as what activities terrorist organizations are planning, or how countries that have biological or chemical weapons plan to use these weapons – then we look for a way to collect information about the problem.

There are several ways to collect information. Translating foreign newspaper and magazine articles and radio and television broadcasts provides open-source intelligence. Imagery satellites take pictures from space, and imagery analysts write reports about what they see – for example, how many airplanes are at a foreign military base. Signals analysts work to decrypt coded messages sent by other countries. Operations officers recruit foreigners to give information about their countries.

After the information is collected, intelligence analysts pull together the relevant information from all available sources and assess what is happening, why it is happening, what might occur next, and what it means for US interests. The result of this analytic effort is timely and objective assessments, free of any political bias, provided to senior US policymakers in the form of finished intelligence products that include written reports and oral briefings. One of these reports is the President's Daily Brief (PDB), an Intelligence Community product, which the US president and other senior officials receive each day.

It is important to know that CIA analysts only report the information and do not make policy recommendations – making policy is left to agencies such as the State Department and Department of Defense. These policymakers use the information that the CIA provides to help them formulate US policy toward other countries. It is also important to know that the CIA is not a law enforcement organization. That is the job of the FBI; however, the CIA and the FBI cooperate on a number of issues, such as counterintelligence and counterterrorism. Additionally, the CIA may also engage in covert action at the President's direction and in accordance with applicable law.

The US Congress has had oversight responsibility of the CIA since the Agency was established in 1947. However, prior to the mid-1970's, oversight was less formal. The 1980 Intelligence Oversight Act charged the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) with authorizing the programs of the intelligence agencies and overseeing their activities.

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## Exercises

- I Underline all the collocations whose one element is the noun *information*, write them down and use them in the sentences of your own.**

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*information* – a noncount noun used with singular verb or preceded by partitive expression *a piece of*;

- **INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION** –

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- **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** –

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- **INFORMATION ANALYSIS** –

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- **INFORMATION COLLECTION** –

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- **RELEVANT INFORMATION** –

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**II Look at the text and find words with similar meanings/synonyms for the following words.**

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- staff* = **PERSONNEL**
- to distribute, to spread* = **TO DISSEMINATE**
- watchful care* = **OVERSIGHT**

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- to evaluate, to judge* = **TO ASSESS**
- to transmit a programme* = **TO BROADCAST**
- to encode* = **TO CODE**
- to enlist, to enroll* = **TO RECRUIT**
- to cooperate, to join forces* = **TO PULL TOGETHER**
- a tendency to show prejudice against one group and favourism towards another* = **BIAS**
- a meeting at which information or instructions are given to people* = **BRIEFING**
- to order, to instruct sb to do sth* = **TO CHARGE SB WITH STH**

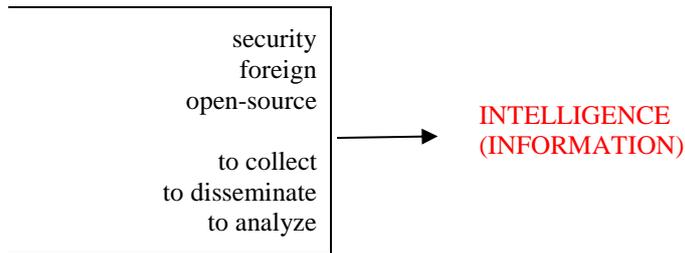
Synonyms taken from  
Collins Cobuild English Language Dictionary  
Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English by AS Hornby

**III Look at the text and find words (adjectives) with opposite meanings/antonyms for the**

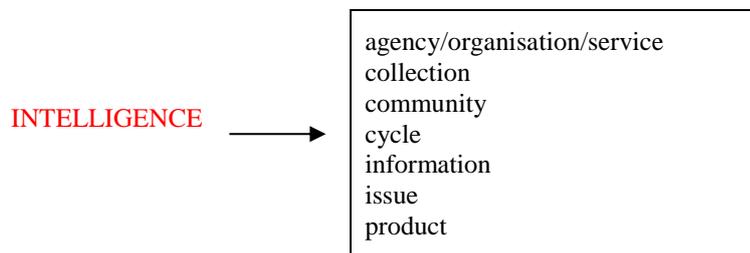
**following words.**

<i>dependent</i>	≠ INDEPENDENT
<i>responsible</i>	≠ IRRESPONSIBLE
<i>legal</i>	≠ ILLEGAL
<i>domestic</i>	≠ FOREIGN
<i>relevant</i>	≠ IRRELEVANT
<i>available</i>	≠ UNAVAILABLE

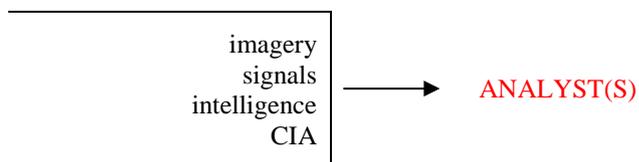
**IV Supply a word which can combine with the given words so as to make frequent collocations and use some of them to complete the following sentences.**



1. The CIA's primary mission is to **COLLECT, ANALYZE** and **DISSEMINATE INTELLIGENCE** to the President and senior government officials.



1. The CIA stands for central **INTELLIGENCE AGENCY** .
2. The President's Daily Brief is an **INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY** product provided to the US president and other top officials every day.
3. The CIA is frequently directed to study an **INTELLIGENCE ISSUE/INFORMATION**.

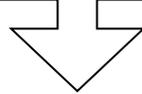


1. **INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS** are supposed to pull together all the relevant information and provide the US senior policymakers with timely and objective assessments.
2. **IMAGERY ANALYSTS** write reports on what they see on pictures taken by imagery satellites.

**V Combine the words from the box to make 10 meaningful phrases and translate them into**

**Serbian.**

<i>coded</i>	<i>assessment</i>	<i>written</i>
<i>security</i>	<i>messages</i>	<i>military</i>
<i>human</i>	<i>briefing</i>	<i>law</i>
<i>objective</i>	<i>intelligence</i>	<i>government</i>
<i>oral</i>	<i>resources</i>	<i>public</i>
<i>enforcement</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>officials</i>
<i>base</i>	<i>affairs</i>	



1. CODED MESSAGES	= _____
2. SECURITY INTELLIGENCE	= _____
3. HUMAN RESOURCES	= _____
4. LAW-ENFORCEMENT	= _____
5. OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT	= _____
6. ORAL BRIEFING	= _____
7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS	= _____
8. WRITTEN REPORT	= _____
9. MILITARY BASE	= _____
10. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	= _____

**VI Make sentences using the following elements.**

1. mission / to collect / is / the CIA's / evaluate / foreign / analyze / disseminate / and / intelligence;  
**The CIA's primary mission is to collect, analyze, evaluate and disseminate foreign intelligence.**
2. identify / they / a / problem / have to / security / of / concern / national / US / to / government / the;  
**They have to identify a problem of national security concern to the US government.**
3. analysts / about / imagery / reports / what / write / see / they;  
**Imagery analysts write reports about what they see.**
4. work / signals / coded / analysts / other / to decrypt / messages / by / countries/ sent;  
**Signals analysts work to decrypt coded messages sent by other countries.**
5. only / analysts / CIA / the / report / and / policy / the / information / make / do not / recommendations;  
**The CIA analysts only report the information and do not make policy recommendations.**

**VII Answer the following questions.**

1. What does the abbreviation CIA stand for? What kind of agency is it?
2. Who is the head of the CIA and what are his responsibilities?
3. What are the basic parts of the CIA?
4. What is the CIA's primary mission? What is understood by 'intelligence cycle'?
5. Do CIA analysts make policy recommendations? Who makes decisions on the basis of the information provided by the CIA?

**VIII Translate the following sentences into English.**

BIA

BIA je bezbednosno-informativna agencija Republike Srbije. Njeni zadaci su:

- da zaštiti bezbednost Republike Srbije,
  - da otkrije i spreči pretnje po ustavni poredak Republike Srbije,
  - da prikupi i analizira obaveštajne podatke i da ih prosledi najvišim državnim zvaničnicima.
- BIA saraduje sa drugim nadležnim državnim organima i službama.

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**N.B:**

For more details about the CIA, visit their site [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov) and study the enclosed presentation. You may also watch and listen to the video on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UpC2IMg65k>.

If you would like to earn some extra points, you may write a short essay on the Serbian security intelligence agency (longer and more elaborate than the translation of the VIII exercise – up to 300 words) and send it to my mail [dnejkovic@gmail.com](mailto:dnejkovic@gmail.com). Your essay will be posted on the Seesaw platform.

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