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## SELVITTÄÄ

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### Abbreviations - käytetyt lyhenteet:

sb = somebody

sth = something

fig. = figuratively

### NB. The verbs are given by translation preference.

Verb	Example	Definition
<b>to ascertain</b> (selvittää; varmistaa)	A postmortem was ordered to try to <b>ascertain</b> the cause of death.  Tests were conducted <b>to ascertain whether</b> pollution levels have dropped.	to find out for certain, to verify sth
<b>to find out</b> (selvittää; saada selville)	Did you <b>find out</b> whether there are any seats left?	to get information, after trying to discover it or by chance
<b>to determine</b> (määrätä; ratkaista)	The investigators are trying to <b>determine</b> the cause of the fire.	to find out the facts about sth
<b>to clarify</b> (tehdä selväksi asia, joka on epäselvä; selventää)	The report aims to <b>clarify</b> how these conclusions were reached.  I hope this <b>clarifies</b> my position.	to make sth clearer or easier to understand
<b>to explain</b> (selvittää; selittää)	Our lawyer carefully <b>explained</b> the procedure.	to tell sb about sth in a way that is clear or easy to understand

<p><b>to look into</b> (selvittää; tutkia)</p>	<p>Police are <b>looking into</b> the disappearance of two children.</p> <p>A working group has been set up to <b>look into</b> the problem.</p>	<p>to try to find out the truth about a problem, crime etc. in order to solve it</p>
<p><b>to elucidate</b> (selvittää; selventää, valaista)</p>	<p>She collected any evidence which might help her to <b>elucidate</b> the problem.</p>	<p>to make sth clearer by explaining it more fully</p>
<p><b>to establish</b> (selvittää; todeta; varmistaa)</p>	<p>The police must <b>establish</b> the facts of the case before proceeding.</p> <p>I was never able to <b>establish</b> whether she was telling the truth.</p>	<p>to find out facts that will prove that something is true</p>
<p><b>to account for</b> (selvittää; selittää)</p>	<p>Can you <b>account for</b> your movements on that night?</p> <p>Many of the scientist's findings in the tests simply cannot be <b>accounted for</b>.</p>	<p>to give an explanation of why sth has happened or why you did sth</p>
<p><b>to shed light on</b> (selvittää; tuoda lisävalaistusta asiaan)</p>	<p>Recent research has <b>shed light on</b> the causes of the disease.</p>	<p>to make sth easier to understand by providing new or better information</p>
<p><b>to illuminate</b> (selvittää; valaista)</p>	<p>This text <b>illuminates</b> the philosopher's early thinking.</p>	<p>to make sth clearer or easier to understand</p>
<p><b>to investigate</b> (selvittää; tutkia)</p>	<p>An outbreak of food poisoning is being <b>investigated</b> by health officials.</p>	<p>to look/go into sth in order to find out more about it, e.g. crime, accident, a situation</p>
<p><b>to clear sth up</b> (selvittää sotku, epäselvyys)</p>	<p>There are a couple of points we need to <b>clear up</b> before the meeting begins.</p>	<p>to explain or solve sth, or to make it easier to understand;</p> <p>to solve a misunderstanding</p>

<p><b>to settle (a dispute)</b></p> <p>(selvittää riita-asia esim. oikeusistuimessa)</p>	<p>The case was <b>settled</b> out of court.</p> <p>Negotiators <b>settled</b> the dispute.</p>	<p>to adjust differences or end controversy; to determine an issue or come to a conclusion (often in legal contexts)</p>
<p><b>to identify</b></p> <p>(selvittää, tunnistaa, löytää syy jhkn)</p>	<p>They are trying to <b>identify</b> what is wrong with the present system.</p> <p>They have now <b>identified</b> the cause of the disease.</p>	<p>to find out exactly what the cause/origin is</p>
<p><b>to discover</b></p> <p>(selvittää taustat, syy; saada selville)</p>	<p>The truth was soon <b>discovered</b>.</p>	<p>to succeed in finding out information that is difficult to find</p>
<p><b>to clear the air</b> (fig.)</p> <p>(selvittää, puhdistaa ilmaa)</p>	<p>Some people say a good fight is the best way to <b>clear the air</b>.</p>	<p>to improve a difficult or tense situation by talking about worries, doubts etc.</p>
<p><b>to clear, to clear up</b></p> <p>(puhdistaa ilmaa; sää selkenee)</p>	<p>Thunder <b>clears</b> the air.</p> <p>When it <b>clears up</b>, we can go for a walk.</p>	<p>if the weather, sky, mist, etc. clears, it becomes better and there is more sun</p>

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