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Read the short passage below to prepare English for Competitive Exams Module 5. Pay special attention to the highlighted words and phrases. Then read the discussion below.

### English for Competitive Exams Module 5 - PASSAGE

This is going to be a **record-breaking** year for UK **inflation**. Not since the interwar period has upward pressure on the cost of living been as **persistently** weak as it has since the start of 2015. Consider the numbers. In January, inflation as measured by the consumer prices index, stood at 0.3%. In the next eight months, it was zero four times, up by 0.1% twice and down by 0.1% twice. The latest data shows that it costs 0.1% less to buy the basket of goods and services chosen by the Office for National Statistics to measure inflation than it did in September 2014. This does not mean Britain is **mired** in deflation, a definition that would only apply in the event that prices fell markedly for a **prolonged** period of time. Two 0.1% drops in inflation (one in April, one in September) do not **meet this definition**.

### DISCUSSION:

#### Record-breaking



This phrase is an adjective phrase. It means having the best ever achievement in a field.  
E.g. *The pandal attracted a record-breaking number of visitors this Ganesh Chaturthi.*

### **Persistently**

This is an adverb derived from the adjective 'persistent'. There are two meanings of the word.

1. Continue to exist or occur over a prolonged period. This is the meaning which has been used in the passage.  
E.g. *The persistent rain caused the match to be called off.*
2. Continue firmly following an action, tenacious.  
E.g. *The boy's persistent efforts were rewarded.*

### **Mired**

This verb has two meanings.

1. Get stuck in mud.  
E.g. *The wheels of the cart were mired down.*
2. Involve something in a difficult situation.  
E.g. *The economy is mired in deep recession.*

### **Prolonged**

This word is an adjective meaning 'lengthy'.

E.g. *The village suffered from prolonged drought.*

It can also mean a verb which means to extend the duration of.

E.g. *The lecture was prolonged into the next hour.*



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## **Meet This Definition**

It is a common phrase. It refers to something that matches a standard or definition. In this case, the drops in inflation rate do not match the definition of deflation.

There are several more common phrases and idioms that have 'meet' in them. Here are a few examples. Check and see if you know the meaning to all of them.

1. More than meets the eye
2. Meet up
3. Pleased to meet you
4. Meet (someone's) standards
5. Make ends meet
6. Meet one's maker
7. Meet one's end
8. Meet (someone) halfway
9. When rubber meets the road
10. Meet (one's) match

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