Comprehension Questions William Zinsser "On Writing Well." Ch. 2 Simplicity

1.	What do you think is meant by the statement, "Clutter is the disease of American writing?"
2.	In the second paragraph, the author says: "Our national tendency is to inflate and thereby sound important." What does the author mean by "inflate" in this context?
3.	Do you think the author would agree with this statement:
	"The best way to improve your writing is to use the most complicated words possible, and use only the most academic language."
	Give textual evidence of why you think the author would agree or disagree with the statement.

4.	The author says, "Clear thinking becomes clear writing; one can't exist without the other. It's impossible for a muddy thinker to write good English."
	Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give an explanation why.
5.	Summarize the chapter in 20 words.