Name: ______________________ **Date:** ____________ **Score:** ________

Domain Brokerage Services & Corporate Asset Acquisition

Domain brokerage, stealth acquisition, valuation, and escrow services

DOMAIN BROKER LEARNING OVERVIEW

INVESTOR
STUDENT STATUS
Corporate Branding Track

SECURED
DOMAIN ASSETS
High-Value Asset Transfer

100%
ESCROW SAFETY
Confidential Buyer Protection

Welcome! This activity packet guides you through the fundamental principles of Domain Brokerage & Corporate Asset Acquisition. You will explore how stealth procurement protects buyer capital, how domain valuations operate, and how to secure high-value domain transfers.

WORKSHEET CHECKPOINTS

- [ ] **Part 1-4:** Master domain valuation and brokerage.
- [ ] **Part 5-7:** Solve crossword & word search puzzles.
- [ ] **Part 8-9:** Solve case studies & cipher challenge.
- [ ] **Part 10:** Review basic & advanced FAQ pages.
- [ ] **Part 11:** Explore 10 interesting real-world facts.

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Your Domain Brokerage Learning Roadmap

- Understand the core principles of commercial domain brokerage and confidential buyer representation.
- Analyze valuation factors driving 1-word, 2-letter, and category-defining domain assets.
- Structure licensed third-party escrow transactions to eliminate wire fraud and title transfer risks.
- Implement stealth procurement strategies that protect buyer identity and prevent price inflation.
- Evaluate ICANN UDRP dispute policies and registry transfer protocols.

DOMAIN BROKERAGE GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Answer the multiple choice and true/false questions, complete the fill-in-the-blank sentences using the word bank, match definitions, and solve the crossword and word search puzzles. Apply your knowledge to real-world domain acquisition scenarios in the case study section.

WHAT IS DOMAIN BROKERAGE? (INTRODUCTION)

Domain brokerage involves confidential negotiation, valuation, and licensed escrow transfer of high-value web addresses. Professional domain brokers represent corporate buyers and sellers to secure valuable digital real estate assets, safeguard purchasing power, and verify unencumbered chain of title.

READ EACH CHECKPOINT CAREFULLY AND SELECT OR WRITE THE CORRECT RESPONSE.

Checkpoint 1: Multiple Choice Challenge

1 What is the primary role of a professional domain broker?

- A. Browsing public registrar auctions
- B. Negotiating domain transactions confidentially
- C. Installing web server operating systems
- D. Writing website HTML code

2 Why do corporate buyers utilize stealth domain acquisitions?

- A. To reduce internet connection latency
- B. To prevent price gouging by remaining anonymous
- C. To bypass domain name server caching
- D. To encrypt website database backups

3 Which escrow mechanism protects domain buyer funds during transfer?

- A. Direct wire to unverified sellers
- B. Licensed third-party holding accounts
- C. Automatic credit card chargebacks
- D. Cryptographic hash signatures

4 What factor most influences a short 2-letter .com domain valuation?

- A. Server CPU processing speed
- B. Global brand scarcity and liquidity
- C. Website daily visitor bandwidth
- D. Domain registrar support rating

5 What legal framework governs domain trademark dispute resolutions?

- A. ICANN Uniform Domain Policy (UDRP)
- B. General Data Protection Regulation
- C. DMCA Safe Harbor Framework
- D. IEEE Wireless Networking Standard

Checkpoint 2: True or False Challenge

6 **Question 6**

Domain brokers operate under non-disclosure agreements to protect buyer identity.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

7 **Question 7**

Escrow services release seller payment before domain control is fully transferred.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

8 **Question 8**

Highly recognizable 2-letter and 3-letter .com domains function as digital assets.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

9 **Question 9**

Direct buyer outreach always results in the lowest possible acquisition price.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

10 **Question 10**

Authorization codes (EPP codes) are required to approve domain transfers.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

Checkpoint 3: Key Term Insertion

Read each sentence below and fill in the blank with the correct term from the Word Bank.

1. An experienced ______________________ facilitates confidential domain sales between buyer and seller.

2. A licensed ______________________ service holds transaction funds until domain transfer is verified.

3. Domain ______________________ appraisals establish fair market prices based on brand scarcity.

4. Executing a ______________________ strategy prevents domain owners from inflating asking prices.

5. The registrar provides an ______________________ to authorize inter-registrar domain transfers.

6. The TLD central ______________________ maintains authoritative ownership and name server records.

VOCABULARY WORD BANK

BROKER	ESCROW	VALUATION	STEALTH
EPP CODE	REGISTRY	AUCTION	WHOIS

Write your answers here:

1. ______________________
2. ______________________
3. ______________________
4. ______________________
5. ______________________
6. ______________________

Checkpoint 4: Domain Concept Match

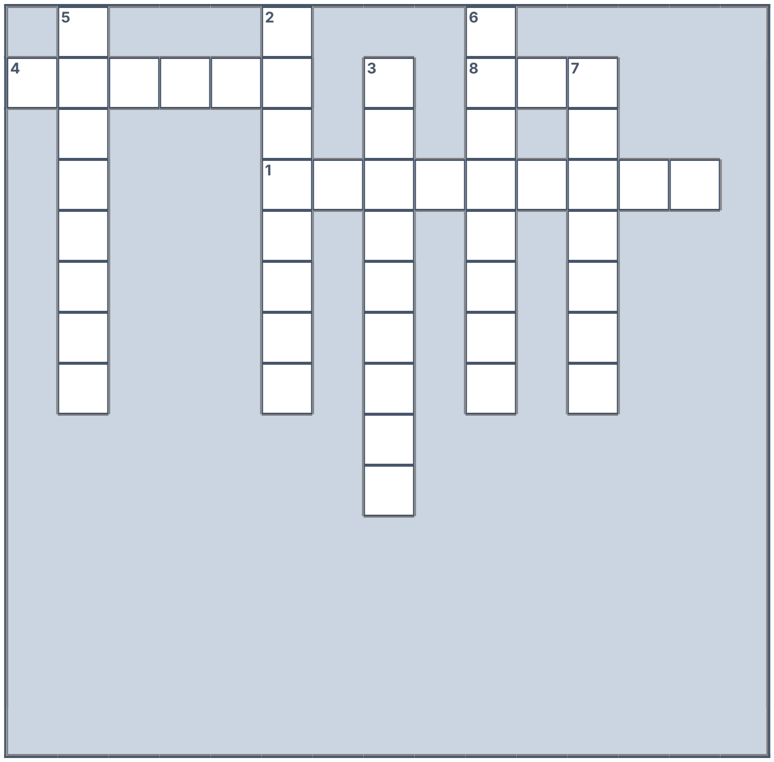
DEFINITION MATCHING

Match each vocabulary term on the left with its correct definition on the right by writing the corresponding letter (A-H) in the fillable input box.

Term		Definition
1. Domain Broker	A	Intermediate negotiator securing domain transfers while preserving client privacy.
2. Escrow Account	B	Protected financial account holding funds safely until ownership transfer completes.
3. Stealth Buying	C	Anonymous acquisition strategy preventing price gouging by existing domain owners.
4. EPP Auth Code	D	Unique security passcode required to authorize registrar-to-registrar domain transfers.
5. WHOIS Privacy	E	Service concealing domain owner personal contact info in public WHOIS directories.
6. UDRP Policy	F	ICANN administrative framework resolving trademark domain name registration disputes.
7. Lease-to-Own	G	Financing contract allowing buyers to use and acquire high-value domains over time.
8. Domain Appraisal	H	Data-driven evaluation determining fair market value for generic and premium domains.

Checkpoint 5: Crossword Puzzle

Solve the crossword puzzle by typing letters into the active white boxes. The numbers correspond to the clues below.



ACROSS

1. Process of wrapping data packets inside other packets (9)

4. Remote server that routes traffic and hides your IP (6)

8. Internet Service Provider, logs traffic unless encrypted (3)

DOWN

2. Rules determining how data is sent and encrypted (8)

3. Rate of data transfer across a path (9)

5. Blocking site access based on location (8)

6. Security system that monitors and blocks traffic (8)

7. State of being free from tracking or surveillance (7)

Checkpoint 5 Alternative: Accessible Crossword Clues

Screen-reader and keyboard users can type the crossword answers directly in the text fields below.

ACROSS CLUES

1 Across: Intermediary facilitating high-value domain transactions (9 letters):

4 Across: Financial holding account ensuring safe domain transfers (6 letters):

8 Across: Corporate identity asset built around generic web addresses (5 letters):

DOWN CLUES

2 Down: Appraisal process calculating domain market price (9 letters):

3 Down: Anonymous buyer strategy preventing price inflation (7 letters):

5 Down: ICANN-accredited entity managing domain registrations (9 letters):

6 Down: Transfer authorization passcode for domain movement (7 letters):

7 Down: Public or private bidding event for expired domain names (7 letters):

Checkpoint 6: Hidden Word Search

Find the 8 key vocabulary terms hidden in the grid below. Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

S	R	K	R	E	G	I	S	T	R	A	R	H	R	T
S	Z	O	K	L	E	B	R	O	K	E	R	A	G	E
T	G	W	P	J	J	S	A	E	S	A	K	D	X	X
E	R	B	E	S	O	E	P	P	C	O	D	E	X	W
A	W	I	B	S	Z	J	Q	T	U	Q	A	L	O	M
L	Y	Q	R	P	C	V	C	C	U	D	S	F	K	X
T	U	Q	A	F	V	R	D	B	X	J	O	G	N	U
H	Y	C	N	A	E	A	O	L	S	S	K	I	F	A
A	G	H	D	X	U	O	L	W	A	S	Q	Q	K	Q
O	U	U	I	Q	E	C	E	U	E	C	Z	L	G	E
K	C	V	N	L	K	X	T	B	A	X	K	F	O	B
G	M	C	G	K	L	K	Q	I	F	T	W	I	F	M
Z	U	O	P	A	X	L	K	K	O	K	I	W	Q	J
P	K	F	J	R	V	S	D	I	X	N	F	O	C	C
W	P	A	V	F	A	N	F	M	V	U	U	T	N	H

VOCABULARY WORD LIST

BROKERAGE	ESCROW	VALUATION	STEALTH
REGISTRAR	EPPCODE	AUCTION	BRANDING

Checkpoint 6 Alternative: Accessible Vocabulary Matching

Match each of the 8 vocabulary terms from the Word Search to its correct definition by writing the letter (A-H) in the blank space.

VOCABULARY TERMS

A. BROKERAGE
B. ESCROW
C. VALUATION
D. STEALTH
E. REGISTRAR
F. EPPCODE
G. AUCTION
H. BRANDING

DEFINITIONS & MATCH FIELDS

1. Confidential negotiation and acquisition service for domain names. (A)
2. Secured third-party account holding funds during domain transfer. (B)
3. Professional appraisal determining market value of digital assets. (C)
4. Strategy concealing buyer identity to prevent price inflation. (D)
5. Authorization code generated by registrars to validate domain transfer. (E)
6. ICANN-accredited entity managing domain registration records. (F)
7. Short, high-demand generic .com web addresses carrying major brand equity. (G)
8. Formal request to procure a domain owned by another entity. (H)

Checkpoint 7: Scrambled Word Challenge

Unscramble the letters below to reveal key domain brokerage concepts and terms. Write your answers in the input boxes provided.

1. K R O E B R
2. R S C O E W
3. U I O A N L T V
4. T A L E H S T
5. A T G T I R N I
6. T L I F O R O P
7. N S E R A F T R
8. C U I Q E A R

Checkpoint 8: Domain Brokerage Case Studies

Apply the concepts you have learned to solve the real-world scenarios below.

CASE STUDY 1: STEALTH CORPORATE DOMAIN PROCUREMENT

Scenario: A Fortune 500 tech firm wants to buy a premium 1-word .com domain currently owned by an individual investor who ignores direct corporate emails.

Discussion Question: How does a professional domain broker structure the acquisition to secure the domain at fair market value?

CASE STUDY 2: CROSS-BORDER DOMAIN ESCROW TRANSFER

Scenario: A buyer and seller agree on a $250,000 domain sale but are located in different countries with different legal jurisdictions.

Discussion Question: What process ensures both buyer funds and seller domain asset control are protected during the transfer?

Final Challenge: Decrypting the Cipher

A domain broker protects client capital during stealth acquisitions. Use the Letter-to-Number key below to decrypt the cybersecurity message by writing the matching letters in the blank spaces.

LETTER-TO-NUMBER ENCRYPTION KEY

A=1	B=2	C=3	D=4	E=5	F=6	G=7	H=8	I=9	J=10	K=11	L=12	M=13
N=14	O=15	P=16	Q=17	R=18	S=19	T=20	U=21	V=22	W=23	X=24	Y=25	Z=26

1 3 17 21 9 18 5 25 15 21 18

4 15 13 1 9 14 19 23 9 20 8 1

19 5 3 21 18 5 5 19 3 18 15 23

Decoded cybersecurity message:

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TIP: EACH NUMBER REPRESENTS THE POSITION OF THAT LETTER IN THE ALPHABET (E.G. 1 = A, 2 = B, 26 = Z).

Checkpoint 10: Basic Domain Brokerage FAQs (Part A)

Review the most common questions and answers regarding domain brokerage and stealth acquisitions.

Q1: What is domain brokerage and why do companies use it?

Domain brokerage is a confidential service where professional brokers represent buyers and sellers to negotiate, evaluate, and securely transfer high-value domain names.

Q2: What is stealth domain acquisition?

Stealth acquisition conceals the corporate buyer identity during negotiations to prevent sellers from inflating asking prices based on buyer wealth.

Q3: How does domain escrow protect buyer and seller funds?

Licensed third-party escrow holds buyer funds securely until full domain WHOIS ownership and auth-code transfer are verified.

Q4: What factors determine the appraisal value of a premium domain?

Appraisal pricing is driven by domain length, generic dictionary commercial demand, .com extension authority, brandability, and organic search volume.

Q5: Is hiring a domain broker confidential?

Yes. Professional brokers operate under non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to keep buyer identities and acquisition budgets 100% private.

Checkpoint 10: Basic Domain Brokerage FAQs (Part B)

Review the most common questions and answers regarding domain brokerage and stealth acquisitions.

Q6: What is an EPP authorization code and how is it used?

An EPP auth code is a secure passcode generated by the current registrar to authorize domain transfer between registrars.

Q7: How long does a typical corporate domain transfer take?

A standard escrow transfer takes 3 to 7 business days, depending on registrar lock rules, WHOIS updates, and wire clearance.

Q8: What is WHOIS privacy and how does it affect negotiations?

WHOIS privacy hides owner contact details. Brokers use specialized registrar relay channels and historical WHOIS records to locate true owners.

Q9: Can a domain broker assist with trademark verification?

Brokers perform preliminary trademark checks and chain-of-title reviews to ensure the target domain carries no active legal encumbrances.

Q10: What is the difference between a domain broker and a registrar?

A registrar maintains technical domain registration records, while a domain broker provides strategic negotiation, appraisal, and procurement services.

Checkpoint 11: Advanced Domain Valuation FAQs (Part A)

Explore commercial and valuation aspects of premium domain transfers and lease-to-own financing.

Q1: How do brokers structure non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) for corporate acquisitions?

NDAs bind both buyer and broker to strict confidentiality regarding identity, offer amounts, and acquisition timelines prior to outreach.

Q2: What is the difference between ICANN UDRP disputes and commercial purchases?

UDRP resolves bad-faith trademark infringement disputes via administrative panel, whereas commercial brokerage negotiates voluntary fair-market purchases.

Q3: How do lease-to-own domain contracts function in high-value acquisitions?

Lease-to-own allows buyers to pay monthly installments while operating the domain under escrow lock, with title transferring upon final payment.

Q4: What is registrar locking and how does it prevent unauthorized domain hijacking?

Registrar locking sets clientTransferProhibited status on the domain, preventing unauthorized transfer attempts without multi-factor owner unlock.

Q5: How do brokers handle international cross-border escrow transactions?

Brokers use licensed international escrow platforms that handle multi-currency holding, banking compliance, and cross-border tax documentation.

Checkpoint 11: Advanced Domain Valuation FAQs (Part B)

Explore commercial and valuation aspects of premium domain transfers and lease-to-own financing.

Q6: What role does brand authority play in 1-word .com pricing?

Single-word .com domains carry instant global credibility, eliminate consumer confusion, and drive higher organic click-through rates.

Q7: How can buyers prevent seller price gouging when expanding corporate identity?

By acquiring domains anonymously through third-party broker representation before publicly announcing new corporate branding or product lines.

Q8: What are registry transfer hold periods and 60-day registrar lock policies?

ICANN enforces a mandatory 60-day transfer lock following WHOIS contact changes or registrar transfers, which brokers navigate via owner transfer protocols.

Q9: How do corporate tax allocations apply to intangible digital real estate assets?

Premium domain purchases are classified as intangible capital assets amortizable over long-term schedules under corporate tax regulations.

Q10: What post-acquisition steps ensure complete title transfer and DNS security?

Post-closing steps include locking the registrar account, enabling two-factor authentication, updating WHOIS contact records, and configuring DNSSEC.

Part 11: 10 Real-World Domain Brokerage Facts & Insights

Review these highly valuable, real-world facts regarding domain valuation, stealth acquisition, and escrow security.

1. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Short 2-letter and 3-letter .com domains represent scarce digital real estate assets.

2. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Over 75% of high-value corporate domain transactions utilize professional domain brokers.

3. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Escrow services protect both buyer capital and seller assets during cross-border transfers.

4. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Stealth acquisitions prevent domain owners from inflating prices for funded corporate buyers.

5. DOMAIN INSIGHT

ICANN enforces a 60-day transfer lock following registrant contact changes.

6. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Generic single-word .com domains carry built-in trust and instant global authority.

7. DOMAIN INSIGHT

UDRP complaints require proving both bad-faith registration and bad-faith use.

8. DOMAIN INSIGHT

EPP authorization codes ensure only authorized registrants can initiate domain transfers.

9. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Domain lease-to-own contracts enable startups to secure premium branding without upfront capital.

10. DOMAIN INSIGHT

Historical WHOIS records provide proof of unencumbered chain of title before purchase.

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Answer Key: Checkpoint 1 - Multiple Choice

1 **Brokerage Function** BROKERAGE **Correct Answer: B**

TEACHING NOTE

Domain brokers act as confidential negotiators representing buyers and sellers to reach fair market transactions.

Citation: ICANN Transfer Policy [Ref 1].

2 **Stealth Strategy** STEALTH **Correct Answer: B**

TEACHING NOTE

Stealth acquisition conceals corporate buyer identity to prevent sellers from inflating asking prices.

Citation: Escrow.com Protocol [Ref 7].

3 **Escrow Protection** ESCROW **Correct Answer: B**

TEACHING NOTE

Licensed third-party escrow holds funds safely until ownership transfer verification is complete.

Citation: Escrow.com Protocol [Ref 7].

4 **Domain Appraisal** VALUATION **Correct Answer: B**

TEACHING NOTE

Short 2-letter and 1-word .com domains carry extreme global brand scarcity and liquidity.

Citation: WIPO UDRP Guide [Ref 3].

5 **Dispute Resolution** UDRP POLICY **Correct Answer: A**

TEACHING NOTE

ICANN's Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) governs administrative trademark disputes.

Citation: WIPO Dispute Rules [Ref 2].

Answer Key: Checkpoint 2 - True or False

6 Confidential NDAs

NDAS

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

Professional domain brokers operate under non-disclosure agreements to protect buyer corporate strategy.

Citation: CIS Controls [Ref 8].

7 Escrow Delivery

ESCROW

Correct Answer: False

TEACHING NOTE

Escrow holding accounts disburse funds only after full domain ownership transfer is verified by the buyer.

Citation: Escrow.com Protocol [Ref 7].

8 Digital Real Estate

ASSETS

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

Short 2-letter and 3-letter .com domains function as high-value, liquid digital property assets.

Citation: NIST Guidelines [Ref 9].

9 Stealth Negotiation

STRATEGY

Correct Answer: False

TEACHING NOTE

Direct corporate buyer outreach often causes sellers to inflate asking prices significantly.

Citation: WIPO UDRP Guide [Ref 3].

10 EPP Authorization

EPP CODE

Correct Answer: True

TEACHING NOTE

EPP codes are unique security passcodes generated by registrars to authorize domain transfers.

Citation: IETF RFC 5730 [Ref 4].

Vocabulary Keys & Grading Rubric

Instructor Grading Rubric: Award 1 point for each correct matching (8 points total) and context term (6 points total).

CHECKPOINT 4: CONCEPT MATCH KEY

B 1. Tunneling	C 2. Protocol	H 3. Bandwidth	D 4. Server
E 5. Geoblock	F 6. Firewall	G 7. Privacy	A 8. ISP

1 TUNNELING	2 BANDWIDTH	3 GEOBLOCK
4 PROTOCOL	5 FIREWALL	6 SERVER

DISCUSSION NOTES FOR INSTRUCTORS

Valuation Accuracy:

Verify that students understand how domain length, extension (.com, .ai), and commercial search volume drive appraisal pricing.

Escrow Security:

Emphasize that funds are held in licensed third-party holding accounts prior to domain WHOIS transfer verification.

Stealth Representation:

Highlight the role of NDAs and third-party representation in preventing speculative price gouging during corporate procurement.

Puzzles Keys & Instructor Notes

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

S	R	K	R	E	G	I	S	T	R	A	R	H	R	T
S	Z	O	K	L	E	B	R	O	K	E	R	A	G	E
T	G	W	P	J	J	S	A	E	S	A	K	D	X	X
E	R	B	E	S	O	E	P	P	C	O	D	E	X	W
A	W	I	B	S	Z	J	Q	T	U	Q	A	L	O	M
L	Y	Q	R	P	C	V	C	C	U	D	S	F	K	X
T	U	Q	A	F	V	R	D	B	X	J	O	G	N	U
H	Y	C	N	A	E	A	O	L	S	S	K	I	F	A
A	G	H	D	X	U	O	L	W	A	S	Q	Q	K	Q
O	U	U	I	Q	E	C	E	U	E	C	Z	L	G	E
K	C	V	N	L	K	X	T	B	A	X	K	F	O	B
G	M	C	G	K	L	K	Q	I	F	T	W	I	F	M
Z	U	O	P	A	X	L	K	K	O	K	I	W	Q	J
P	K	F	J	R	V	S	D	I	X	N	F	O	C	C
W	P	A	V	F	A	N	F	M	V	U	U	T	N	H

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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	L				O		D		W		V		
	O				C		W		A		A		
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INSTRUCTOR GUIDE FOR CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS CLUES

1 Across: **TUNNELING** Process of wrapping data packets. (3,5)

4 Across: **SERVER** Remote computer routing traffic. (1,0)

8 Across: **ISP** Internet Service Provider. (1,9)

DOWN CLUES

2 Down: **PROTOCOL** Rules determining data transmission. (0,5)

3 Down: **BANDWIDTH** Rate of data transfer. (1,7)

5 Down: **GEOBLOCK** Location website restriction. (0,1)

6 Down: **FIREWALL** Security monitor barrier. (0,9)

7 Down: **PRIVACY** State of freedom from tracking. (1,11)

Scrambled Words & Cipher Solution Key

Grading key for the vocabulary word unscramble activity and Secret Cipher Challenge.

WORD UNSCRAMBLE KEY

1. K R O E B R — **BROKER**
2. R S C O E W — **ESCROW**
3. U I O A N L T V A — **VALUATION**
4. T A L E H S T — **STEALTH**
5. A T G T I R N I S — **REGISTRATION**
6. T L I F O R O P O — **PORTFOLIO**
7. N S E R A F T R — **TRANSFER**
8. C U I Q E A R — **ACQUIRE**

SECRET CIPHER CHALLENGE KEY

"ACQUIRE YOUR DOMAINS WITH A SECURE ESCROW"

Domain Brokerage Case Studies Solution Key

A Case Study 1: Stealth Corporate Domain Procurement

Instructor Solution

GRADING GUIDELINE

Student answers should cover the following points:

- **Scenario Analysis:** A Fortune 500 tech firm wants to buy a premium 1-word .com domain currently owned by an individual investor who ignores direct corporate emails.
- **Recommended Strategy & Solution:** The domain broker initiates stealth outreach through an unaffiliated entity under strict non-disclosure. By concealing corporate identity and presenting an objective market appraisal backed by licensed escrow, the broker engages the owner without triggering speculative price inflation.

B Case Study 2: Cross-Border Domain Escrow Transfer

Instructor Solution

GRADING GUIDELINE

Student answers should cover the following points:

- **Scenario Analysis:** A buyer and seller agree on a $250,000 domain sale but are located in different countries with different legal jurisdictions.
- **Recommended Strategy & Solution:** The transaction uses a licensed escrow service. The buyer wires funds into escrow. Once verified, the seller unlocks the domain and provides the EPP code. Escrow verifies domain WHOIS control update before releasing funds to the seller.