First solve all the clues. Each clue's answer has a silent letter. These letters produce the answer. The answer to the clues are (the silent letter is underlined):

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AUTUMN
SOPHOMORE
BUSINESS
ISLAND
BRIDGE
ACQUIRE
AISLE
COLUMN
CONNECTICUT
GIVE
SALMON
HALF
DEAD
LISTEN
PARLIAMENT
JEOPARDY
SOLEMN
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Thus, the answer is:
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NOISE CANCELLATION
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