PLAYING CHICKEN WITH THE BUDGET

In only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days, the United States of America is poised

 (number)

to \_\_\_\_\_\_ off the fiscal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Democrats maintain that the

 (verb) (noun)

deficit should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by increasing the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (verb ending in “-ed”) (adjective)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being paid by the top \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per cent of

 (plural noun) (number)

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while the Republicans are demanding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (plural noun) (adjective)

cuts in spending on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Both

 (plural noun) (plural noun)

parties point to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ elections as a

 (plural noun) (date)

mandate from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. President

 (plural noun) (plural noun)

Obama has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with House Majority

 (verb ending in “-ing”)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John Boehner in order to hammer out a new

 (occupation)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before the deadline. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s

 (adjective) (noun) (occupation)

believe that failure to reach a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may

 (adjective) (noun)

result in a double-dip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 (noun)