EXERCISES

Word formation

Answer key

1 Write the noun form of the word in brackets.

1 We have to make a *decision* (decide) by Friday.

2 Thank you for your *kindness* (kind).

3 The *improvement* (improve) in your English is amazing.

4 She has an amazing *ability* (able) to stay calm.

5 Can you give me some *information* (inform) about the course?

6 Her *happiness* (happy) is the most important thing to me.

7 The *employment* (employ) rate went up this year.

8 I love the *flexibility* (flexible) of my new job.

9 We're still waiting for an *explanation* (explain) from the airline.

10 The *popularity* (popular) of the show surprised everyone.

2 Write the adjective form of the word in brackets.

1 She was very *helpful* (help) when I moved.

2 This old printer is completely *useless* (use).

3 The bed in the hotel was really *comfortable* (comfort).

4 Be *careful* (care). The floor is wet.

5 The city is *famous* (fame) for its pizza.

6 It's a very *dangerous* (danger) road at night.

7 Can I ask you a *personal* (person) question?

8 The tickets are not *affordable* (afford) for most families.

9 He made a *careless* (care) mistake and lost the file.

10 Her new job is very *stressful* (stress).

3 Write the opposite of the word in brackets with a prefix.

1 I'm sorry, but that's *impossible* (possible). We're fully booked.

2 She was *unhappy* (happy) with the service.

3 I *disagree* (agree) with my boss on this one.

4 It's *irresponsible* (responsible) to drive after drinking.

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3 Write the opposite of the word in brackets with a prefix.

5 The instructions were *incomplete* (complete), so we couldn't finish the shelf.

6 Don't be so *impatient* (patient). The doctor will see you soon.

7 My brother is a bit *disorganized* (organized). He loses everything.

8 The answer was *incorrect* (correct), so I lost a point.

9 This view is *unbelievable* (believable)!

10 Some of his comments were really *impolite* (polite).

4 Circle the correct word.

1 They want to _____ the road next year.
wide / (widen) / width

2 Can you _____ these pants? They're too long. short / shortness / (shorten)

3 We need to _____ our website. It looks so old. modern / (modernize) / modernity

4 I'm sorry, I didn't _____ how late it was.
real / (realize) / reality

5 These exercises will _____ your back.
strong / strength / (strengthen)

6 Don't _____ me. I know what I'm doing.
critical / (criticize) / criticism

7 Loud thunder can _____ young kids.
fright / frightful / (frighten)

8 Please _____ your answer in one sentence.
summary / (summarize) / summarization

5 Put the words in order.

1 was / really / helpful / that / .
That was really helpful.

2 with / this / I / disagree / decision / .
I disagree with this decision.

3 impossible / find / taxi / now / to / It's / a / .
It's impossible to find a taxi now.

4 is / comfortable / very / this / armchair / .
This armchair is very comfortable.

5 information / can / the / course / you / me / about / more / send / ?
Can you send me more information about the course?

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5 Put the words in order.

6 my / sometimes / irresponsible / son / is / .

My son is sometimes irresponsible.

7 I / can / improvement / a / big / see / .

I can see a big improvement.

8 this / completely / is / useless / app / .

This app is completely useless.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 Thanks for everything. You were very helpless.

Thanks for everything. You were very helpful.

2 We need to make a decide today.

We need to make a decision today.

3 It's unpossible to park downtown.

It's impossible to park downtown.

4 She's a very success businesswoman.

She's a very successful businesswoman.

5 I'm very happiness with my new apartment.

I'm very happy with my new apartment.

6 He's so unresponsible with money.

He's so irresponsible with money.

7 The tailor will short my pants.

The tailor will shorten my pants.

8 This road is very danger at night.

This road is very dangerous at night.

9 I unagree with you on this.

I disagree with you on this.

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YOUR LIFE

7 **Write about yourself with words from this worksheet.**

I'M USUALLY... (-FUL, -ABLE)

I'M SOMETIMES... (UN-, IM-, DIS-)

Answers will vary.