Suffixes and Prefixes Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Classic Gap-Fill Text

Instructions: Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**.

The Importance of Hobbies

In today's busy world, it's easy to forget the (0) IMPORTANCE of leisure time. **IMPORTANT** Hobbies offer more than just fun; they are crucial for our overall (1) _____. **WELL** Engaging in an activity you enjoy can significantly reduce stress levels and improve your mood. Whether it's painting, gardening, or playing a musical instrument, hobbies provide a much needed (2) _____ from the pressures of daily life. **DISTRACT**

They allow for creative (3) _____ and can help develop new skills. For instance, **EXPRESS** joining a sports team not only improves physical (4) _____ but also offers opportunities **FIT** for social (5) _____. **INTERACT**

Furthermore, dedicating time to a hobby can lead to a greater sense of (6) _____ and **ACHIEVE** satisfaction. It's (7) _____ to underestimate the positive impact that these seemingly **ADVISE** simple (8) _____ can have on our lives. **ACTIVE**

Exercise 2: Word Family Focus

Instructions: Complete the table with the correct forms of the words.

Verb	**Noun (Abstract/Thing)**	**Noun (Person)**	**Adjective**	**Adverb**
decide	(1) _____		decisive	decisively
create	creation	creator	(2) _____	creatively
beautify	(3) _____		beautiful	beautifully
succeed	success		(4) _____	successfully
endanger	danger		(5) _____	dangerously
employ	(6) _____	employer/ee	employable	
inform	(7) _____	informer	informative	informatively
popularise	popularity		popular	(8) _____

Exercise 3: Sentence Level Practice

Instructions: Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in capitals.

1. The company is looking for someone with strong _____ skills for the manager role. **LEADER**
2. Unfortunately, his explanation was very _____ and left us confused. **CLEAR**
3. Taking regular breaks can improve your _____ at work. **CONCENTRATE**
4. She felt extremely _____ when she couldn't find her keys anywhere. **ANXIETY**
5. It is _____ to ride a motorbike without wearing a helmet in many countries. **LEGAL**
6. Despite the rain, the fans remained _____ and cheered for their team. **ENTHUSIASM**
7. The _____ of the internet has changed how we access information. **ARRIVE**
8. He handled the _____ situation with great professionalism. **DIFFICULTY**
9. Many people find spiders _____. **FRIGHTEN**
10. Regular exercise is _____ for maintaining good health. **BENEFIT**

Exercise 4: Prefix and Suffix Focus

Instructions: Add a suitable prefix (e.g., un-, im-, dis-, ir-, il-) and/or suffix (e.g., -ness, -able, -ful, -less) to the word in capitals to form the word needed to complete the sentence.

1. I'm sorry, but your answer is _____. Please try again. **CORRECT**
2. He was _____ to complete the marathon due to an injury. **ABLE**
3. Her _____ was obvious when she didn't get the promotion. **HAPPY**
4. It's _____ to ignore warning signs when driving. **RESPONSIBLE**
5. This sofa is really _____; I could sit here for hours! **COMFORT**
6. She gave a _____ description of her trip; it sounded amazing. **WONDER**
7. Be _____! You nearly dropped that vase. **CARE**
8. Many people are _____ with the level of service provided. **SATISFIED**

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1.wellbeing **2**. distraction **3**. expression **4**. fitness **5**. interaction **6**. achievement **7**. inadvisable / unadvisable **8**. activities

Exercise 2:
1. decision **2**. creative **3**. beauty **4**. successful **5**. dangerous **6**. employment **7**. information **8**. popularly

Exercise 3:
1. leadership **2**. unclear **3**. concentration **4**. anxious **5**. illegal **6**. enthusiastic **7**. arrival **8**. difficult **9**. frightening **10.** beneficial

Exercise 4:
1. incorrect **2**. unable **3**. unhappiness **4**. irresponsible **5.** comfortable **6**. wonderful **7.** careful **8**. dissatisfied / unsatisfied (*both possible, 'dissatisfied' slightly more common in this context*)