

WORD FORMATION EXERCISES

Exercise 1

1. Detroit is renowned for the..... of cars. PRODUCE
2. If you make a good..... at the interview, you will get the job. IMPRESS
3. Teaching and medicine are more than....., they're professions. OCCUPY
4. My history teacher has a vast..... of past events. KNOW
5. You are never too old to go to college and gain some..... QUALIFY
6. My greatest..... was graduating from the university. ACHIEVE
7. The weatherman said there is a strong..... of rain today. POSSIBLE
8. Some old laws are no longer..... EFFECT
9. Athens is..... for its ancient buildings. FAME
10. He was caught shoplifting so now he has a..... record. CRIME
11. Despite her severe....., she fulfilled her goals in life. DISABLE
12. Being..... is the worst thing that can happen to someone. EMPLOY
13. If you buy presents in the summer your..... can be very high. SAVE
14. Due to the pilot's....., the copilot managed to land safely. GUIDE
15. It's important to also see the less..... sides of the job. DESIRE
16. I was surprised at his..... to give up. REFUSE
17. Children are by nature..... of danger. AWARE
18. She is always..... towards her parents. RESPECT
19. The hospital has the best medical..... and fast ambulances. EQUIP
20. You can relax in the comfortable..... of the hotel. SURROUND
21. The..... looked dark and there were hardly any other guests. ENTER
22. Artists must be....., otherwise they just repeat what they see or hear. CREATE
23. Why are you so..... of his work? He's just doing his best. CRITIC
24. Have you made up your mind? We need to know youras soon as possible. DECIDE
25. He's too shy to look people when he talks to them. DIRECT
26. Have they put the Christmas..... yet? DECORATE
27. They put too many unnecessary in food. ADD
28. I think that there's no point in arguing with him. Just ignore him. HONEST
29. Extraterrestrial life has not been..... proved yet. SCIENCE
30. Why don't you call the if the lights don't work? ELECTRIC
31. Music and television are forms of..... ENTERTAIN
32. The concert didn't live up to our..... EXPECT
33. The electric company admitted their for the blackout. RESPOND
34. Did you use to have as a child? ALLOW
35. I don't like those trousers, no matter how they are. FASHION
36. Life varies according to country and gender. EXPECT

Exercise 2

- 1) We need to find a _____ to the problem as soon as possible. (solve)
- 2) Juan speaks English fluently and makes very few _____ mistakes. (grammar)
- 3) The teacher keeps a record of every student's _____. (attend)
- 4) Air-conditioning is a _____ if you live somewhere like the south of Spain. (necessary)
- 5) Don't be afraid of the dog. He's absolutely _____. (harm)
- 6) The company is trying hard to improve customer _____. (satisfy)
- 7) Measures were taken around the world to _____ airport security after the 11 September attacks. (tight)

- 8) We're going to change our suppliers as they have become very _____ in the last year. (rely)
- 9) Patricia's very _____. She writes short stories, paints and makes mosaics. (create)
- 10) We need your _____ at the bottom of the page. (sign)

Exercise 3

- 1) The index at the back of the book is in _____ order. (alphabet)
- 2) The fans waved _____ as the film star stepped out of the limousine. (excite)
- 3) Chickenpox is a highly _____ disease which many people catch as a child. (infect)
- 4) Matt is very _____. He wants to be number one at everything. (compete)
- 5) Harry loves cars and he's so _____ about them. (knowledge)
- 6) There is little _____ of the president being re-elected. (likely)
- 7) The prime minister thinks there may be a _____ to overthrow him. (conspire)
- 8) In _____ with Tokyo, London and Paris are relatively cheap. (compare)
- 9) The police were unable to _____ that she had committed the crime. (proof)
- 10) The president's speech went on for so long that I almost died of _____ ! (bore)

Exercise 4

- 1) Naomi and Kurt have three children. Naomi also has a daughter from a previous _____. (marry)
- 2) The film was so _____. You knew exactly how it was going to end. (predict)
- 3) The government is concerned about the significant rise in _____. (homeless)
- 4) It has been _____ proven that stroking a cat can lower your blood pressure. (scientific)
- 5) Thanks to the large _____ from her grandmother Paula was able to buy a villa in the south of France. (inherit)
- 6) In the UK it is _____ to sell cigarettes to children under 16. (legal)
- 7) You can _____ your tea with honey instead of sugar. (sweet)
- 8) You need to _____ the final point of the presentation. It's rather confusing. (clear)
- 9) The film turned out to be a big _____. It was really quite boring. (disappoint)
- 10) The _____ between the city's two football teams is often quite fierce. (rival)

Exercise 5

- 1) Lizzy has just won a _____ to a world-renowned university. (scholar)
- 2) It's _____ arguing with them. They are not going to change their mind. (point)
- 3) You will need your parents' _____ if you want to go on the school trip. (permit)
- 4) It's a wonderful restaurant. Great food and excellent service. We _____ recommend it! (high)
- 5) Thank you so much for the flowers. It's very _____ of you. (thought)
- 6) Sarah speaks perfect French as she spent much of her _____ in Canada. (child)
- 7) I've _____ my wallet. Have you seen it anywhere? (place)
- 8) Don't forget to _____ the modem when you have finished using it. (connect)
- 9) Ben sulks like a child when he doesn't get his own way. He's so _____. (mature)
- 10) Oliver's CV is truly _____. He's bound to get the job. (impress)

Exercise 6

1. It's totally.....that you stayed home when you were sick.UNDERSTAND
2. Don't laugh at his stupid jokes! You'll only.....him to say them again. COURAGE
3. That sidewalk is (slip), I almost fell!
4. After Monday, I will no longer be a foreigner--I am receiving my (citizen)!
5. Arthur will be very lonely unless you (friend) him.
6. Every afternoon, the cooks (sharp) their knives in preparation for dinner.
7. I hate being around Mary Lou, she is so so (friendly).

8. The stock market crash of 1929 left my great-grandfather (penny).
9. I have a class at 8:00 a.m. but I always (sleep).
10. The groom may (veil) the bride only when their vows have been exchanged
11. I think we should try something else. That strategy seems way too (risk).
12. My father's death left me with a great (empty) in my heart.
13. George W. Bush is pretending that he attacked Iraq to (liberty) the Iraqis.
14. Americans fought hard to earn their (free) from Britain.
15. When you work at a nuclear power plant, you have to be extremely (care).
16. Every time I think I've beaten you, you (do) me!
17. I had to take three months off when I was pregnant, but my boss has been very (understand).
18. He will (cork) the wine as soon as we are ready for dinner.
19. You need to work on your orthography so you don't (spell) these words.
20. The weather (cast) looks bad for a picnic--rainy and windy!

Exercise 7

We earn our _____ (LIVE) in America today in peaceful _____ (COMPETE) with people all across the Earth. Profound and _____ (POWER) forces are shaking and _____ (MAKE) our world, and the urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy. This new world has already _____ (RICH) the lives of millions of Americans who are able to _____ (COMPETITION) and win in it. But when most people are working harder for less, when others cannot work at all, when the cost of health care devastates families and threatens to _____ (BANK) our enterprises, great and small, when the fear of crime robs law abiding citizens of their _____ (FREE), and when millions of poor children cannot even imagine the lives we are calling them to lead, we have not made change our friend.

Exercise 8

It is simply this. That Space, as our _____ (MATH) have it, is spoken of as having three dimensions, which one may call _____ (LONG), Breadth, and _____ (THICK), and is always definable by _____ (REFER) to three planes, each at right angles to the others. But some philosophical people have been asking why THREE dimensions _____ (PARTICULAR) - why not another direction at right angles to the other three?--and have even tried to construct a Four-Dimension geometry. Professor Simon Newcomb was expounding this to the New York Mathematical Society only a month or so ago. You know how on a flat surface, which has only two dimensions, we can represent a figure of a three _____ (DIMENSION) solid, and _____ (SIMILAR) they think that by models of three dimensions they could represent one of four--if they could master the _____ (PERCEIVE) of the thing. See?"

Key to exercise 8

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| 1. mathematicians | 2. length | 3. thickness | 4. reference | 5. particularly |
| 6. dimensional | 7. similarly | 8. perspective | | |

Exercise 9

In the centre of the room, clamped to an upright easel, stood the full-length portrait of a young man of _____ (ORDINARY) personal beauty, and in front of it, some little _____ (DISTANT) away, was sitting the artist himself, Basil Hallward, whose sudden _____ (APPEAR) some years ago caused, at the time, such public _____ (EXCITE), and gave rise to so many strange conjectures. As the painter looked at the _____ (GRACE) and comely form he had so _____ (SKILL) mirrored in his art, a smile of _____ (PLEASE) passed across his face, and seemed about to linger there. But he _____ (SUDDEN) started up, and, closing his eyes, placed his fingers upon the lids, as though he sought to _____ (PRISON) within his brain some curious dream from which he feared he might _____ (WAKE).

Exercise 10

1. I adore sentimental love stories. I'm very.....(romance)
2. My cousin used to be rather silly but he's more..... these days. (sense)
3. You're in a..... mood this morning.(cheer)
4. The service offers young people..... advice on finding a job. (practice)
5. Could you give me a quick..... of how it works? (explain)
6. I thought the film was really.....(excite)
7. Sonya is the most..... girl in the class. (intelligence)
8. I never get..... with watching football. (bore)
9. My sister's hobbies are quite..... from mine. (differ)
10. My boyfriend is very..... (attract)
11. My watch is old but it's still very.....(rely)
12. If you want to work as a stunnman you must be completely.....(fear)
13. Astrologers charge a lot of money for their.....(predict)
14. The mother punished her child for being.....(obedience)
15. Flight attendants need to be..... because they work irregular hours. (flexibility)
16. Jim's a good teacher because he has a lot of.....(patient)
17. Unfortunately, their attempt to reach the North Pole was.....(success)
18. Students who study hard will..... get good grades in their exams. (probable)
19. She fell off the horse but..... she wasn't injured. (fortune)
20. I tried aerobics but it was too..... for me. (energy)
21. Who can resist the..... of Hollywood? (glamorous)
- 22..... is a problem msot teenagers have. (lonely)
23. He will never get to the top because he lacks.....(motive)
24. This year's harvest was one of the most..... since the record crop of 1985.(success)
25. It's cool and quiet everywhere..... in the kitchen. (exception)

Exercise 11

1. The Sultan spent over fifty million dollars making the capital city's main hotel the most..... in the country. **luxury**
2. Police working on solving the bank robbery have by chance..... a plan to murder a leading politician. **cover**
3. We should go and eat at "Franco's" which is..... a great little restaurant. **suppose**
4. I left the house at 8am and stared at the empty garage in..... My car was nowhere to be seen. Someone had stolen it! **believe**
5. If you have any problems finding things, just ask Roger. He is very..... and will tell you where to find what you want. **help**
6. You paid \$25 for a simple breakfast?! They have certainly..... you! You should go back and complain. **charge**
7. The gang robbed three banks in the same city and all at about the same time. Not....., they were caught by the police during the fourth attempt. **surprise**
8. Sarina is only my half sister because we have..... mothers. **differ**

Exercise 12

1. This queue hasn't moved in five minutes. I'm getting a bit.....! **patient**
2. Politicians should spend some time living on the streets like..... people have to and then they would understand better the problems they have. **home**

3. Carl was calmly taking a photograph as this..... large bear walked towards the car. It was a terrifying experience...at least for me! **astonish**
4. If you go walking around the factory, ensure you have..... clothing on. **protect**
5. Are you sure you have cleaned the kitchen? There is still a pretty..... smell coming from it. **pleasant**
6. Although it isn't definite we will see you tomorrow, it is quite..... **like**
7. Be sure not to put more than three..... of vodka into the mix, otherwise it will be too alcoholic. **spoon**
8. Finding a cure for cancer will be a hugebreakthrough for mankind. **medicine**

Exercise 13

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1. Buying and selling antiques can be a veryhobby if you know how to find a good bargain. **profit**
 2. We were left without any money for the last part of our holiday because we had the cost of the train ticket to Norway. **estimate**
 3. Mr. Transom stared at the group of students talking in the corner and they shut up immediately. **cross**
 4. Jennings is soenthusiastic about the game that his enthusiasm spreads to his team-mates and the result is usually a strong performance. **wonder**
 5. I think I was sacked and have decided to bring the company to court. **fair**
 6. Have you seen my handbag John? It seems to have totally ! **appear**
 7. You know your father is the most person in the world. He is sure to be wearing one of his old sweaters to the party. **fashion**
 8. People will need to see provable information before they can believe in something like life on other planets. **science**

Exercise 14

1. It isn't verythat Paula is at home, is it? She usually works at this time. **like**
2. Megan was told by her dietician that she was becomingthin and should eat more. **danger**
3.is the spice of life, says the proverb and everyone should try and do new things and meet new people to avoid becoming bored. **vary**
4. Harry had a difficult and was brought up by an aunt and uncle living in the country. **child**
5. The whole dispute began after a small over the money needed to finance the new company. **agree**
6. The introduction of insecticides in the 20th Centuryagriculture across the world. **revolution**
7. All the coastal towns in this area are by strong tradition of dance and there is a festival of dance that takes place every August. **character**
8. My company has spent a lot of money building a new,factory which will nearly double production. **computer**

Exercise 15

1. I was just trying to be towards him and he accused me of wanting his money! **friend**
2. The south-west of England, for example Devon and Cornwall, is known as thepart of the United Kingdom. **sun**
3. What you may think isis really just over-enthusiasm. He would never harm anyone. **hostile**
4. Anyone being rude and to our staff will be asked to leave the premises immediately. **abuse**

5. Men have more of a to put weight on around the waist and stomach areas and this is something they should be aware of. **tend**
6. Three weeks after winning the lottery, Daniel Perkins had the to lose a court case in which he was being sued for nearly \$2million. **fortune**
7. The pharmaceutical company's have discovered a better way of combining medicines to create a flu remedy. **search**
8. The babies were put up forwhen their mother was jailed for her part in the murder. **adopt**

Exercise 16

1. Herbert has been a(n)member of this company's staff. I don't know what I would do without him! **dispense**
2. The food at the restaurant was simply delicious. I just didn't think there was enough **vary**
3. Even though the actors did quite a poor job of bringing the book to the stage, thewas of the highest quality. **produce**
4. Even though he is only 17, he is a very tennis player who could have a big future in the game. **promise**
5. The stock market has risenin the last six months and now is a good time to invest. **consider**
6. Theof the printer is often believed to have been one of the most important of the last 500 years. **invent**
7. My brother chose that university because it does a very well recommended course and that's what he has always wanted to do. **journalist**
8. Hamish had theto lose his job only three weeks after getting married. But things turned out alright in the end. **fortune**

Exercise 17

1. There will be a special.....meeting tomorrow morning at 9a.m which everyone has to attend. **safe**
2. The modernisation of the factory.....productivity but unfortunately, many people lost their jobs. **double**
3. All students must take English and Mathematics. Then they must choose two other courses, but the course in International Relations is..... **option**
4. It is my dream to work in the ship-building industry but unfortunately, there is so much.....around that I may have to alter my ambitions. **employ**
5. Too much of the food we eat nowadays is full of chemicals and other.....**add**
6. Come to my house tomorrow,..... as early as possible. **prefer**
7. I do like your new friend Jasper. He tells the funniest jokes and seems to be a very.....young man. **entertain**
8. He has just asked me for money again. That's the.....time and he doesn't seem to understand the word "no"! **three**

Exercise 18

1. How long do we have to sit in this police station waiting. It's making me feel very.....watching all these criminals walking past. **easy**
2. He did a great report on the future of the ship-building industry but I didn't agree with his.....at all. **conclude**

3. I'm afraid Mr. Perkins is.....at the moment. He seems to be in a meeting. Is there any message you would like me to pass on to him? **available**
4. People with.....have been demanding better access to the local government buildings downtown. They want a wheelchair ramp built and electric sliding doors. **able**
5. I don't speak Spanish very well but I can read it quite..... **easy**
6. I accepted the job without.....when I heard what the wage was! **hesitate**
7. Stop sitting there looking so bored and..... Get up and find something to do! I don't want you sitting around the house like this all summer. **enthusiasm**
8. Yesterday, the government announced a \$10 million increase in the town's budget to try and tackle theproblem that exists. **house**

Key to exercise 1

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| 1. production | 2. impression | 25. directly |
| 3. occupations | 4. knowledge | 26. decorations |
| 5. qualification | 6. achievement | 27. additives |
| 7. possibility | 8. effective | 28. honestly |
| 9. famous | 10. criminal | 29. scientifically |
| 11. disability | 12. unemployed | 30. electrician |
| 13. savings | 14. guidance | 31. entertainment |
| 15. desirable | 16. refusal | 32. expectation |
| 17. unaware | 18. respectful | 33. responsibility |
| 19. equipment | 20. surroundings | 34. allowance |
| 21. entrance | 22. Creative | 35. fashionable |
| 23. critical | 24. Decision | 36. expectancy |

Key to exercise 2

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| 1) solution | 6) satisfaction |
| 2) grammatical | 7) tighten |
| 3) attendance | 8) unreliable |
| 4) necessity | 9) creative |
| 5) harmless | 10) signature |

Key to exercise 3

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| 1) alphabetical | 6) likelihood |
| 2) excitedly | 7) conspiracy |

- 3) infectious
- 4) competitive
- 5) knowledgeable

Key to exercise 4

- 1) marriage
- 2) predictable
- 3) homelessness
- 4) scientifically
- 5) inheritance

Key to exercise 5

- 1) scholarship
- 2) pointless
- 3) permission
- 4) highly
- 5) thoughtful

Key to exercise 6

1. understandable
2. encourage
3. slippery
4. citizenship
5. befriend
6. sharpen
7. unfriendly
8. penniless
9. oversleep
10. unveil

- 8) comparison
- 9) prove
- 10) boredom

- 6) illegal
- 7) sweeten
- 8) clarify
- 9) disappointment
- 10) rivalry

- 6) childhood
- 7) misplaced
- 8) disconnect
- 9) immature
- 10) impressive

11. risky
12. emptiness
13. liberate
14. freedom
15. careful
16. outdo
17. understanding
18. uncork
19. misspell
20. forecast!

Key to exercise 7

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| 1. livelihood | 2. competition | 3. powerful | 4. making | 5. enriched |
| 6. compete | 7. bankrupt | 8. freedom | | |

Key to exercise 8

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| 1. mathematicians | 2. length | 3. thickness | 4. reference | 5. particularly |
| 6. dimensional | 7. similarly | 8. perspective | | |

Key to exercise 9

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| 1. extraordinary | 2. distance | 3. disappearance | 4. excitement | 5. gracious |
| 6. skillfully | 7. pleasure | 8. suddenly | 9. imprisoned | 10. awake |

Key to exercise 11

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| 1. luxurious. | 5. helpful |
| 2. uncovered | 6. overcharged |
| 3. supposedly | 7. surprisingly |
| 4. disbelief | 8. different |

Key to exercise 12

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| 1. impatient | 5. unpleasant |
| 2. homeless | 6. likely |
| 3. astonishingly | 7. spoonfuls |
| 4. protective | 8. medical |

Key to exercise 13

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| 1. profitable | 5. unfairly |
| 2. underestimated | 6. disappeared |

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| 3. crossly | 7. fashionable |
| 4. wonderfully | 8. scientifically |

Key to exercise 14

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| 1. likely | 5. disagreement |
| 2. dangerously | 6. revolutionized |
| 3. variety | 7. characterized |
| 4. childhood | 8. computerized |

Key to exercise 15

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| 1. friendly | 5. tendency |
| 2. sunny | 6. misfortune |
| 3. hostility | 7. researchers |
| 4. abusive | 8. adoption |

Key to exercise 16

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. indispensable. | 5. considerably |
| 2. variety | 6. invention |
| 3. production | 7. journalism |
| 4. promising | 8. misfortune |

Key to exercise 17

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| 1. safety | 5. additives |
| 2. doubled | 6. preferably |
| 3. optional | 7. entertaining |
| 4. unemployment | 8. third. |

Key to exercise 18

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| 1. uneasy | 5. easily |
| 2. conclusion | 6. hesitation |
| 3. unavailable | 7. unenthusiastic |
| 4. disabilities | 8. housing |