Word Families

adjective	considerable	It takes considerable skill to perform mime.
adverb	considerably	The mime's audiences grew considerably as word of his skill spread.

noun	effect	His skilled performance was the effect of years of experience.
verb	effect	He worked hard to effect change.
adjective	effective	A really effective mime performance makes the audience believe in the illusion.
adverb	effectively	A skilled mime can effectively perform a variety of illusions.

noun	exaggeration	A mime uses exaggeration to create illusions.
verb	exaggerate	A mime may exaggerate certain gestures.
adjective	exaggerated	The exaggerated gestures of a mime are used for humorous effect.

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noun	frailty	Mimes can make us laugh at our own frailty.
noun	frailness	The mime portrayed the frailness of old age.
adjective	frail	Humans are frail, and mimes can make us laugh at this.
adverb	frailly	The mime moved frailly around the stage as if he were 100 years old.

noun	portrayal	Charlie Chaplin is renowned for his portrayal of the little tramp character.
noun	portrayer	Mimes are often portrayers of human frailty.
verb	portray	Mimes portray common situations in humorous ways.
adjective	portrayable	Almost any everyday situation is portrayable through mime.

noun	reminiscence	Reminiscences of the early days of film would include stories of stars such as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton.
verb	reminisce	People like to reminisce about the great performers of the past.
adjective	reminiscent	Marcel Marceau's clown character was reminiscent of characters performed by earlier mimes.

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Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

Everyone enjoys watching mimes perform. A really good mime makes the job look easy, but in reality it is impossible to **1**..... the skill required to perform mime **2**..... . It takes a **3**..... amount of time to develop techniques and learn to perform them well. Mimes need to be able to **4**..... characters who will interest their audience, as well as perform a variety of illusions. The best mimes can show us our **5**..... while making us laugh at ourselves at the same time. Although mime has changed over the years, people still **6**..... about some of the popular mimes of the past, who have inspired today's performers.

1.	exaggeration	exaggerate	exaggerated
2.	effect	effective	effectively
3.	considerable	considerably	
4.	portrayal	portrayer	portray
5.	frailties	frail	
6.	reminiscence	reminisce	reminiscent

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