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B1.4 - GROUP PRACTICE

Dear students, please read the instructions for each exercise and complete them with either ADJECTIVES, NOUNS or GERUNDS. The purpose of this task is to practice the language focus of unit 2. You can check the book and ask questions any time you need it!

Language focus 1: Forming adjectives

Activity 2a

Complete the table.

noun	adjective	opposite adjective
hope	hopeful	hopeless
security		
efficiency		
success		
solution		
enthusiasm		
comfort		
patience		
honesty		

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Read the definitions from the *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* and write the correct nouns.

1 m usician n [C] a person who plays a musical instrument for a job: *a talented young ...*

2 t _____ n [C] someone who is being trained for a job: *The new ... will start next week.*

3 c _____ n [C] the period of time when you are a child: *I had a happy ... .*

4 e _____ n [U] facts, objects or signs that make you believe that something exists or is true: *There is no ... of life on other planets.*

5 g _____ n [C] a person who plays a guitar

6 b _____ o _____ n [C] a small tool used for removing the metal lids from bottles

7 a _____ n [U] the cost of entrance to a concert, sports event, etc. : *... is free for children.*

8 C _____ n [U] a political system which has no different social classes and in which the government controls the production of all food and goods: *Do you believe in ... ?*

9 c _____ n [C] all the people who live in the same area, town, etc. : *an arts centre built to serve the whole ... .*

10 e _____ n [C] the pleasure that you get from something: *Acting has brought me enormous ...*

11 ṅ _____ n [U] being worried or frightened about something that may happen so that you cannot relax: *Minnelli's ... showed in her voice.*

12 v _____ n [C] Someone who eats only fruit, vegetables, eggs, etc. and does not eat meat or fish.

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Complete the article with the positive or negative gerund form of the verbs in the box.

drink (x2) eat (x2) get go (x2) take (x2) talk

1 going to the gym three times a week.

2 _____ sensibly.

3 _____ alcohol at lunch.

4 _____ work home.

5 _____ at least seven hours' sleep each night.

6 _____ about business at home.

7 _____ mineral water instead of strong coffee.

8 _____ a daily 'power nap'.

9 _____ to bed after eleven o'clock during the week.

10 _____ fattening snacks between meals.

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Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use a gerund.

1 It can be expensive to eat out.
Eating out can be expensive.

2 I find it easy to make new friends.
_____ easy for me.

3 I hate it when people drop their rubbish in the street.
I hate _____.

4 It can be very stressful when you start a new job.
_____ very stressful.

5 My mother-in-law can't stand people who smoke when she's eating.
My mother-in-law _____.

6 I find that a good way to relax is to have a nice long bath.
I _____ a good way to relax.

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THIS LAST EXERCISE IS INDIVIDUAL

Choose one of the situations below and write an email to a friend, describing what happened and your feelings.

something that happened to you which made you cry
something you did which was really relaxing
a time when you felt really happy
something strange which happened to you
a time when you tried something new

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