

Exercise 11: Dictionary Entries

Look at the dictionary entries below. Use the information provided to complete the sentences.

creativity noun /kri:et'ivəti/

the ability to produce new and original ideas or things

- Making paper flowers can **develop creativity** in children.
- The class showed **great creativity** during the poster project.
- We admire her **artistic creativity** when we see her paintings.
- Some repetitive games **lack creativity** and become boring quickly.

1. He won the design competition because he showed in his drawing.
2. The teacher wants to in her students by teaching them how to make paper flowers.

balance noun /'bæləns/

a state where things are of equal weight or force, or are in the correct proportions

- The young boy stumbled and **lost his balance** while running.
- You need to practice regularly to **keep your balance** on a skateboard.
- Doing physical sports can **improve balance** and overall health.
- Walking on a narrow wall requires a good **sense of balance**.

3. You must stand straight and concentrate if you want to on the ice.
4. The cyclist fell off his bicycle because he suddenly

occasion noun /ə'keɪʒn/

a particular time when something happens, or a special event

- We wear our traditional clothes only **on special occasions**.
- Buying a new house is a good reason to **celebrate the occasion**.
- He rarely goes to the cinema, so it was a **rare occasion** for him.
- They took many photographs to **mark the occasion** of their graduation.

5. We prepare special meals and cakes only like Tet or Christmas.
6. My grandparents rarely travel, so going to the beach was a for them.

improve verb /im'pru:v/

to make something better, or to become better

- I do puzzles every day to **improve memory** and focus.
- Playing sports can **improve health** and reduce stress.
- He took a class to **improve computer skills** last summer.
- We practiced every afternoon to **improve muscle strength** before the game.

7. Taking an IT course is a good way to
8. Eating fresh vegetables and exercising daily will

prepare verb /prɪ'peə/

to make something or someone ready for something that will happen

- We need to **prepare ingredients** before we bake the cake.
- Students must **prepare for exams** by reviewing their lessons.
- She likes to **prepare a meal** for her family on Sundays.
- You should **prepare a speech** for the school event tomorrow.

9. The chef asked his assistant to like fresh tomatoes and cheese first.
10. The students are studying hard in order to