SUFFIXES – WORD FORMATION EXERCISES



Exercise 1. Fill in the correct form of the words in bold by forming nouns referring to people.

SUFFIXES: -ER, -OR, -AR, -ANT, -ENT, -IAN, -EE

1. Adam's brother is a professional _____. **(MUSIC)**
2. Greg speaks six different languages and works as a(n) _____ at the French embassy. **(TRANSLATE)**
3. Mr Smithers has hired a new personal _____. **(ASSIST)**
4. James and Lily have asked a concert _____ to play at their wedding. **(PIANO)**
5. Mark does his job so well that the company named him _____ of the year. **(EMPLOY)**
6. Mickey wants to be a _____ when he grows up. **(FOOTBALL)**

Exercise 2. Fill in the correct form of the words in bold by forming nouns from verbs.

SUFFIXES: -AGE, -AL, -ANCE, -ENCE, -ATION, -TION, -ION, -MENT, -SION, -SIS, -URE, -Y

1. We had to write a detailed _____ of a character from a Shakespearean play. **(ANALYSE)**
2. There was a three-hour delay in the _____ of our flight. **(DEPART)**
3. Choosing what style of clothes to wear should be a matter of personal _____. **(PREFER)**
4. Tom's _____ to apologise to Jenny made her even angrier with him. **(REFUSE)**
5. According to the witnesses' _____ it was the red car that caused the accident. **(STATE)**
6. All my _____ about who would win the awards were wrong! **(PREDICT)**

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Exercise 3. Fill in the correct form of the words in bold by forming nouns from adjectives.

SUFFIXES: -ANCE, -ENCE, -CY, -ION, -INESS, -NESS, -ITY, -TY, -Y

1. Robert felt great pride and _____ when his son got his doctorate from university. **(HAPPY)**
2. There was complete _____ in the exam room. **(SILENT)**
3. Considering the _____ of the situation, we should think carefully before reaching a decision. **(COMPLEX)**
4. Sarah's _____ and understanding make her a great friend. **(KIND)**
5. Since their fixed the major roads in our town, the _____ of accidents has dropped dramatically. **(FREQUENT)**
6. The students had _____ answering some of the exam questions. **(DIFFICULT)**

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