

Oxford Word List – A2

Gap-Fill Exercises | Units 1–4

Exercise 1

Topic: Science & Nature

WORD BOX

ancient	discover	disease	environment
evidence	increase	population	protect
reduce	research	tradition	

** One word will not be used.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Use ten words from the box to complete the text. One word does not fit any gap. Write the correct word in each gap.

Scientists want to _____ (1) new things about our planet. They look for _____ (2) — for example, photos and data — to show what is happening to the _____ (3). They study the air, the water, and the land.

The world's _____ (4) is getting bigger. More people need more food, water, and energy. This can _____ (5) the amount of rubbish and pollution in our cities.

Many people want to _____ (6) animals and forests. Scientists do _____ (7) to find better ways to grow food. They also try to _____ (8) the use of plastic in everyday life.

In some countries, people do not have clean water. This can cause _____ (9) and make people very ill. In many places, it is a long _____ (10) to use plants as medicine. Doctors are now studying these plants to help more people.

Exercise 2

Topic: Work & Society

WORD BOX

achieve	apply	career	employee
furniture	manager	opportunity	responsible
salary	successful	training	

** One word will not be used.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Use ten words from the box to complete the text. One word does not fit any gap. Write the correct word in each gap.

Many young people want to have a good _____ (1) after university. They know it is important to _____ (2) their goals step by step. Hard work and good planning can help a lot.

When you want a new job, you usually need to _____ (3) online or by email. The _____ (4) of the company reads your application and chooses the best people to meet.

A good _____ (5) is happy in their job and works well with others. Companies often give new workers some _____ (6) at the start. After some time, a worker can get a better _____ (7) — more money every month.

Being _____ (8) at work means doing your job well every day. You need to be _____ (9) for your work and your mistakes. If you work hard, you will find more _____ (10) to grow in your job.

Exercise 3

Topic: Health & Daily Life

WORD BOX

advice	avoid	benefit	decision
exercise	improve	injury	monkey
patient	regular	serious	

* One word will not be used.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use ten words from the box to complete the text. One word does not fit any gap. Write the correct word in each gap.

Doctors say that _____ (1) physical activity is very good for your body. When you _____ (2) every day, even for thirty minutes, you can _____ (3) your health in a short time.

It is important to _____ (4) eating a lot of fast food. Too much salt and fat can cause _____ (5) health problems later in life. Doctors always give the same _____ (6): eat more vegetables and drink more water.

If you play sport, you need to be careful about _____ (7). Always warm up before you start. Be _____ (8) — the body needs time to get stronger, so do not rush.

Making a good _____ (9) about your lifestyle is not always easy. But every small change can _____ (10) your health in the long run. Start with one small step today.

Exercise 4

Topic: Technology & Communication

WORD BOX

available	communicate	connect	device
digital	download	network	sailing
share	social	update	

** One word will not be used.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Use ten words from the box to complete the text. One word does not fit any gap. Write the correct word in each gap.

Today, people use many different ways to _____ (1) with each other. A phone or a computer is a small _____ (2) that helps us talk, write, and send pictures very quickly.

The internet makes it easy to _____ (3) to friends and family around the world. You can _____ (4) a film or a song in just a few seconds. Most services are _____ (5) on your phone, your laptop, or your tablet.

Many young people use _____ (6) media every day. They _____ (7) photos and videos with their friends online. A good _____ (8) helps you stay in touch with a large group of people at the same time.

In a _____ (9) world, it is important to keep your apps safe. You should always _____ (10) your phone when a new version is ready. This keeps your personal information safe.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1 — Science & Nature

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| 1. discover | 2. evidence |
| 3. environment | 4. population |
| 5. increase | 6. protect |
| 7. research | 8. reduce |
| 9. disease | 10. tradition |

◆ *Distractor: ancient*

Exercise 2 — Work & Society

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| 1. career | 2. achieve |
| 3. apply | 4. manager |
| 5. employee | 6. training |
| 7. salary | 8. successful |
| 9. responsible | 10. opportunity |

◆ *Distractor: furniture*

Exercise 3 — Health & Daily Life

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| 1. regular | 2. exercise |
| 3. improve | 4. avoid |
| 5. serious | 6. advice |
| 7. injury | 8. patient |
| 9. decision | 10. benefit |

◆ *Distractor: monkey*

Exercise 4 — Technology & Communication

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| 1. communicate | 2. device |
| 3. connect | 4. download |
| 5. available | 6. social |
| 7. share | 8. network |
| 9. digital | 10. update |

◆ *Distractor: sailing*