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B2 Formal Vocabulary Synonym Worksheet

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Part A: Reading Passage 1 -- Business Communication

Read the following passage and complete the exercises below.

The Evolution of Corporate Communication

In contemporary business environments, effective communication remains paramount to organizational success. Companies must facilitate dialogue between departments to ensure seamless operations. When conflicts arise, managers are expected to address issues promptly and implement solutions that benefit all stakeholders. Furthermore, organizations that foster a culture of transparency tend to retain talented employees more successfully. Market research has demonstrated that businesses which prioritize internal communication consistently outperform their competitors. Leaders must acknowledge that miscommunication can compromise productivity and undermine team morale.

Exercise 1: Find synonyms in the passage for these words

#	Word	Synonym from Passage
1	Essential	_____
2	Encourage/promote	_____
3	Keep/maintain	_____
4	Shown/proven	_____
5	Put first/emphasize	_____
6	Recognize/accept	_____
7	Put at risk/endanger	_____
8	Weaken/damage	_____

Part B: Reading Passage 2 -- Environmental Issues

Climate Action and Policy Reform

Governments worldwide are endeavoring to mitigate the effects of climate change through comprehensive policy frameworks. Scientists advocate for immediate action, urging policymakers to adopt sustainable practices. Environmental degradation continues to exacerbate existing social inequalities, particularly affecting vulnerable populations. Research indicates that renewable energy sources could substantially reduce carbon emissions. However, critics contend that current measures are insufficient to avert catastrophic consequences. International cooperation is imperative if nations are to achieve meaningful progress. Experts emphasize that delay will only amplify the challenges future generations will face.

Exercise 2: Match the formal words with their synonyms



Formal Word	Synonym Options
1. Endeavoring	A. Worsen/intensify
2. Mitigate	B. Claim/argue
3. Advocate	C. At risk/defenseless
4. Exacerbate	D. Trying/attempting
5. Vulnerable	E. Reduce/lessen
6. Indicates	F. Support/recommend
7. Substantially	G. Prevent/avoid
8. Contend	H. Shows/suggests
9. Insufficient	I. Significantly/considerably
10. Avert	J. Inadequate/not enough

Part C: Reading Passage 3 -- Education and Technology

Digital Transformation in Education

Educational institutions are embracing technological innovations to enhance learning experiences. Digital platforms enable students to access resources beyond traditional textbooks, thereby expanding their knowledge base. However, educators caution that technology should complement rather than replace human instruction. Studies reveal that students who utilize digital tools effectively tend to demonstrate improved critical thinking skills. Nevertheless, the digital divide continues to perpetuate educational inequalities, as not all students can afford adequate technological resources. Policymakers must ensure that technological advancement does not exclude disadvantaged communities. The challenge lies in balancing innovation with accessibility.

Exercise 3: Replace the underlined words with formal synonyms from the box

Word Bank: augment, reveal, leverage, manifest, guarantee, marginalize, employing, verify, incorporate, supplement

- 1 Digital tools can improve () learning outcomes.
- 2 Research can show () important patterns.
- 3 Students should use () technology effectively.
- 4 Good learners show () strong analytical skills.
- 5 Schools must make certain () equal access.
- 6 Poor policies can push to the side () certain groups.
- 7 Technology should add to () traditional methods.

Part D: Synonym Replacement Exercise

Replace each bold word with a more formal synonym.



1 The company needs to get more funding.

Formal: _____

2 The report shows clear evidence of improvement.

Formal: _____

3 We must deal with these challenges immediately.

Formal: _____

4 The new policy will help employee satisfaction.

Formal: _____

5 Economic instability can make worse social problems.

Formal: _____

6 Researchers say that more studies are needed.

Formal: _____

7 The organization aims to lessen environmental impact.

Formal: _____

8 These findings support previous research conclusions.

Formal: _____

Part E: Context-Based Synonym Selection

Choose the most appropriate formal synonym for each sentence.

1 The government will _____ new regulations next month.

a) start b) implement c) begin d) make

2 Studies _____ a strong correlation between exercise and mental health.

a) show b) indicate c) tell d) say

3 The committee must _____ whether to approve the proposal.

a) decide b) determine c) choose d) pick

4 Climate change poses a _____ threat to coastal communities.

a) big b) substantial c) large d) huge

5 The research aims to _____ current understanding of the phenomenon.

a) improve b) enhance c) better d) help

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1:



- 1 paramount 2. foster/facilitate 3. retain 4. demonstrated 5. prioritize 6. acknowledge 7. compromise 8. undermine

Exercise 2:

1-D 2-E 3-F 4-A 5-C 6-H 7-I 8-B 9-J 10-G

Exercise 3:

- 1 augment/enhance 2. reveal 3. leverage/utilize 4. manifest/demonstrate 5. guarantee/ensure 6. marginalize/exclude 7. supplement/complement

Exercise 4:

- 1 obtain/secure/acquire 2. demonstrates/presents/indicates 3. address/tackle 4. enhance/improve/boost 5. exacerbate/worsen/intensify 6. contend/assert/maintain 7. minimize/reduce/mitigate 8. corroborate/validate/confirm

Exercise 5:

- 1 b 2. b 3. b 4. b 5. b