Vocabulary revision

1 Adjective and noun collocations

a) *Match words from each box to make collocations which would make sense in the sentences below. Be careful: There are more words than you need!*

Adjectives:
strong | fair | scientific | bad | objective | healthy | great | major | positive | endless | irrelevant | fantastic

Nouns:
cycle | details | fall | journalist | criticism | rise | genes | evidence | balance | earthquake | outcome | performance

1. An _____ would never use emotional language to report the news.

2. A: You always seem so happy. What's your secret?

   B: It's just a _____ of work and free time activities, that's all.

3. Everyone in their family is so attractive! They really have _____ .

4. Everyone is sure there's going to be a _____ to the peace talks,

   but I'm not so sure. The two countries don't seem very peaceful at the moment.

5. A: Did you see? There's been a _____ in the value of the dollar.

   B: So is that good for bad for our vacation?

6. Sorry, but this summary is full of _____ that nobody wants to read.

7. A: The results of that study are shocking! It can't be true!

   B: But all the _____ points to those results.

8. It was such a _____ that she couldn't get up to finish the race.

b) *Now use the words you didn't need in a) to make collocations. Then, make sentences with those collocations. Write in your exercise book.*

2 Synonyms

What synonyms can you think of for the words below? Sometimes there's more than one possibility.

1. irrelevant _____

2. to point to _____

3. outcome _____

4. currently _____

5. objective _____

6. well-known _____

7. plenty of _____

8. to rise _____

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