

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 objective journalist 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 healthy balance of work and free time activities, that's all.

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

4. Everyone is sure there's going to be a positive outcome 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 strong rise in the value of the dollar.
B: So is that good or bad for our vacation?

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

7. A: The results of that study are shocking! It can't be true!
B: But all the scientific evidence points to those results.

8. It was such a bad fall 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.

fair criticism, fantastic performance, major earthquake, endless cycle

2 Synonyms

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

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| 1. irrelevant | <u>unimportant</u> | 5. objective | <u>factual</u> |
| 2. to point to | <u>to show, to suggest</u> | 6. well-known | <u>famous</u> |
| 3. outcome | <u>result</u> | 7. plenty of | <u>lots of, a lot of</u> |
| 4. currently | <u>at the moment</u> | 8. to rise | <u>to get up</u> |