Concrete & Abstract nouns – Practice Sheet

**1. Circle the abstract noun and underline the concrete nouns in each sentence:**

1. The doctor used humour to cheer his patient up.
2. The eager parents wanted to watch their children graduate.
3. His story was written on a word document.
4. Actors use their active imaginations to entertain the crowd
5. The festival caused excitement throughout the school.
6. Some animals cannot live in a hot climate
7. Exercise is an important activity to maintain health for children.
8. Scientists often find enjoyment in solving complex problems
9. Firefighters show courage when they save people from burning buildings.
10. It is important to keep working on our skills and talents.
11. Have you ever taken a trip to the Migration Museum?
12. The subtle flavours of an authentic Italian pizza are truly delicious
13. She usually speaks Spanish at home, but at school she only speaks English.
14. In three hours, we will arrive at the Melbourne Train Station.

**2. For each concrete noun, come up with at least three abstract nouns that relate to it.**

*E.g.: Hospital – illness, health, death, life.*

1. Key:
2. Bottle:
3. Skyscraper:
4. Singer:

**3. For each abstract noun, come up with at least three concrete nouns that relate to it.**

*E.g.: Generosity – gift, money, donation box.*

1. Time:
2. Happiness:
3. Justice:

**4. Identify the place or scenario that is being suggested by these concrete images**

*E.g.: Cutlery and glasses tinkling, candlelight, classical music, soft murmur of conversation = fancy restaurant*

1. Kids shouting, sizzle of BBQ, green grass under shady trees, smell of sunscreen, squeaky swing going back and forth, dogs barking.
2. Quiet hum, rustle of pages turning, clack of keyboard, a cough, smell of new books, light slanting down from high up windows.
3. Crowds cheering, smell of sweat and popcorn, whistle, echoing sound of ball bouncing and shoes squeaking on a polished wooden floor.

**3. For each place or scenario, come up with at least three concrete images to help describe it.**

*E.g. hot weather = ice-cream dripping, dogs panting in the shade, wiping sweat from your face.*

1. A construction site:
2. Cold weather:
3. A grocery store:
4. Surfing:
5. Lunch time at school: