Choose the Word

**Directions:** Read the sentences. Choose either the base word or the related word to complete the sentence. Remember that adding the suffix [-ity] changes the meaning and usage of the base word.

1. Supervisors look for employees who are __________ and responsible.
   - punctual  punctuality

2. Serena is __________, so she doesn’t buy expensive clothes.
   - frugal  frugality

3. Fred was worried about the __________ of his contract with the shipping company.
   - legal  legality

4. The dancers amazed the audience with their technique and __________.
   - music  musicality

5. Gymnasts must be flexible and __________ to perform the feats they do.
   - agile  agility

6. Sean did not want the tofu taco because it wasn’t his __________ dinner.
   - normal  normality

7. Mrs. Smith was concerned about the __________ of the project when she found out how much it cost.
   - practical  practicality

8. The students handled the __________ egg with care to keep it from breaking.
   - fragile  fragility

*Classroom Activity (BLM 7)*

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