Lecture 3   Homework

Practice 1

Try to match the words with their (near) synonyms.

1.	handle	a)	booming
2.	difficulty	b)	strength
3.	include	c)	obtain
4.	approach	d)	way
5.	hint	e)	hardship
6.	prosperity	f)	comprise
7.	acquire	g)	ability
8.	competence	h)	clue
9.	merit	i)	neglect
10.	ignore	j)	solve

Practice 2

Try to find the words with their (near) antonym. You may not use all of the words though.

associations	blind	deep	hard
hundred	identical	pairs	shapes
sighted	similar	shallow	soft
words	superficial	profound	sentence

Practice 3

Choose the correct letters which are the synonyms of the words in the text..

There are currently **1.approximately** 6,800 languages in the world. This great **2.variety** of languages came about largely as a result of geographical **3.isolation**. But in today's world, factors such as government **4.initiatives** and economic globalization are contributing to a huge decrease in the number of languages. One factor which may help to **5.ensure** that some endangered languages do not **6.die out** completely is people's increasing **7.appreciation** of their cultural identity. This has been encouraged through programmes of languages classes for children and through 'apprentice' **8.schemes**, in which the endangered language is used as the **9.medium** of instruction to teach people a traditional skill. Some speakers of endangered languages have even produced writing systems in order to help secure the survival of their **10.mother tongue.**

1._____

A. rough   B. exactly   C. about   D. similarly

2._____

A. variation   B. diversity   C. expansion   D. explosion

3._____

A. divorce   B. concentration   C. separation   D. diversity

4._____

A. first steps   B. processes   C. groups   D. approaches

5._____

A. locate   B. conduct   C. guarantee   D. proceed

6._____

A. run out   B. sold out   C. die off   D. diminish

7._____

A. perception   B. apology   C. regret   D. inspiration

8._____

A. methods   B. knowledge   C. plans   D. technologies

9._____

A. substitute   B. intermediate   C. supplement   D. compensation
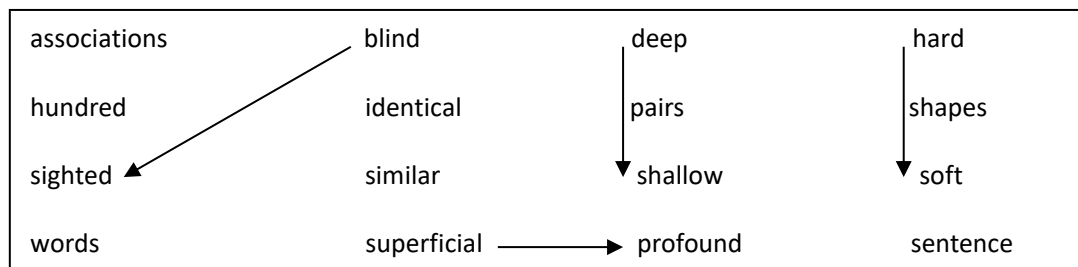
10._____

A. second language B. dominant language C. first language D. referred language

Answer Keys:

Practice 1:

1. j
2. e
3. f
4. d
5. h
6. a
7. c
8. g
9. b
10. i

Practice 2:

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Practice 3:

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. C