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B2 MULTIPLE CHOICE:
HOMONYMS

Fill in the gaps in the text with the correct option (A-D). Only one answer may be possible.

Homonyms

We all have an address and we can also address a person. At first look, both of these words seem to be the _____ (1), but later we realise that not only are these words different word classes; the first being a _____ (2) and the second being a verb, but also that the meaning is completely different. Homonyms are basically words with double meanings. They are either spelled the same or they sound the same, but _____ (3) to the type of word, they _____ (4) in meaning.

The English language is full of homonyms; bark and bark, week and weak being just a _____ (5) of examples. While we are speaking it is _____ (6) quite easy to differentiate between the two of them, but while you are listening it must be confusing.

Another point to make is that there is also such a thing as a homophone, which is a type of word that can be written in the same way, but have a different pronunciation. Live as a verb with a short vowel sound and live as an adjective with a long vowel sound are _____ (7) two examples of homophones. So when you are either reading or listening, you need to _____ (8) of these word types to avoid making rookie mistakes.

Choose the best word from the following options:

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| 1. A. similar | B. alike | C. same | D. equal |
| 2. A. name | B. sustantial | C. subjunctive | D. noun |
| 3. A. due | B. because | C. on account | D. as a result |
| 4. A. extend | B. stretch | C. reach | D. vary |
| 5. A. few | B. plenty | C. little | D. couple |
| 6. A. probably | B. likely | C. probably | D. fairly |
| 7. A. exactly | B. entirely | C. just | D. precisely |
| 8. A. cave | B. beware | C. for | D. take |

Answers:

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