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:

1. A. similar  B. alike  C. same  D. equal
2. A. name  B. substantial  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