



Working with Language (Page 82)

1. Look at the italicised phrases and their meanings given in brackets.

Mountains are nature (nature's best form and appearance) at its best.

Your life is at risk. (in danger; you run the risk of losing your life.) (it was his best/worst performance.)

He was at his (it was his best/worst performance.) best/worst in the last meeting.

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogues choosing suitable phrases from those given in the box.

at hand at once at all at a low ebb at first sight

(i) You were away from school without permission. Go to the Principal\_\_\_\_\_ and submit your explanation.

Pupil: Yes, Madam. But would you help me write it first?

(ii) Arun: Are you unwell?

Ila: No, not\_\_\_\_\_ Why do you ask?

Arun: If you were unwell. I would send you to my uncle.

He is a doctor.

(iii) Mary: Almost every Indian film has an episode of love\_\_\_\_\_.

David: Is that what makes them so popular in foreign countries?

(iv) You look depressed. Why are your spirits\_\_\_\_\_ today?

(Use such in the phrase)

Ashok: I have to write ten sentences using words that I never heard before.

(v) Your big moment is close\_\_\_\_\_.

Jyoti: How should I welcome it?

Shieba: Get up and receive the trophy.

Ans.

(i) at once

(ii) at all

(iii) at first sight

(iv) at such a low ebb

(v) at hand.

2. Write the noun forms of the following words adding -ance or -ence to each.

(i) endure \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) persist \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) signify \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) confide \_\_\_\_\_

(v) maintain \_\_\_\_\_ (vi) abhor \_\_\_\_\_

Ans.

(i) endurance

(ii) persistence

(iii) significance

(iv) confidence

(v) maintenance

(vi) abhorrence.

3. (i) Match words under A with their meanings under B.

A	B
remote	difficult to overcome
means	most prominent
dominant	be overcome/overpowered
formidable	method(s)

Answer:

A	B
remote	far away from
means	method(s)
dominant	most prominent
formidable	difficult to overcome
overwhelmed	be overcome/overpowered

(ii) Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with appropriate words from under A.

(i) There were \_\_\_\_\_ obstacles on the way, but we reached our destination safely.

(ii) We have no \_\_\_\_\_ of finding out what happened there.

(iii) Why he lives in a house \_\_\_\_\_ from any town or village is more than I can tell.

(iv) by gratitude, we bowed to the speaker for his valuable advice.

(v) The old castle stands in a \_\_\_\_\_ position above the sleepy town.

Answer:

- (a) formidable
- (b) means
- (c) remote
- (d) Overwhelmed
- (e) dominant.

#### Speaking and Writing (Page 83)

Write a composition describing a visit to the hills, or any place which you found beautiful and inspiring.

Before writing, work in small groups. Discuss the points given below and decide if you want to use some of these points in your composition.

Consider this Sentence

Mountains are a means of communion with God.

- Think of the act of worship or prayer. You believe yourself to be in the presence of the divine power. In a way, you are in communion with that power.
- Imagine the climber on top of the summit—the height attained; limitless sky above; the climber's last ounce of energy spent; feelings of gratitude, humility and peace.
- The majesty of the mountains does bring you close to nature

and the spirit and joy that lives there, if you have the ability to feel it. Some composition may be read aloud to the entire class afterwards.

Answer: For self attempt

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