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Thinking about Language

I. Look at the following sentence.

1. Use an appropriate word from the synonyms given above in the following sentences. Clues are given in brackets.

(i) She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the news of her brother's wedding.

(very pleased)

(ii) I was \_\_\_\_\_ to be invited to the party. (extremely pleased and excited about)

(iii) She was \_\_\_\_\_ at the birth of her granddaughter.

(extremely happy)

(iv) The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with his performance. (satisfied about)

(v) She was very \_\_\_\_\_ with her results. (happy about something that has happened).

Answer:

(i) She was thrilled by the news of her brother's wedding.

(ii) I was delighted to be invited to the party.

(iii) She was overjoyed at the birth of her granddaughter.

(iv) The coach was pleased with his performance.

(v) She was very happy with her results.

2. Study the use of the word big in the following sentence.

He was so big – his hands and his neck, especially his mouth...

Here, big means large in size.

Now, consult a dictionary and find out the meaning of big in the following sentences. The first one has been done for you.

(i) You are a big girl now. older

(ii) Today you are going to take the biggest decision of your career.

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(iii) Their project is full of big ideas. -----

(iv) Cricket is a big game in our country. -----

(v) I am a big fan of Lata Mangeskar. -----

(vi) You have to cook a bit more as my friend is a big eater.

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(vii) What a big heart you've got, Father dear. -----

Answer:

(ii) most important

(iii) innovation

(iv) popular

(v) great

(vi) gourmand

(vii) generous

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(ii) Father mentioned that he was going on a holiday.

(iii) No one told us that the shop was closed.

(iv) He answered that the price would go up.

(v) I wondered why he was screaming.

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2. Some verbs of reporting are given in the box. Choose the appropriate verbs and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

were complaining	shouted	replied
remarked	ordered	suggested

(i) "I am not afraid," \_\_\_\_\_ the woman.

(ii) "Leave me alone," my mother \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) The children \_\_\_\_\_ that the roads were crowded and noisy.

(iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," \_\_\_\_\_ the master.

(v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," \_\_\_\_\_ the sports teacher.

(vi) The traffic police \_\_\_\_\_ all the passers-by to keep off the road.

Answer:

(i) "I am not afraid," replied the woman.

(ii) "Leave me alone," my mother shouted.

(iii) The children were complaining that the roads were crowded and noisy.

(iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," remarked the man.

(v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," suggested the sports teacher.

(vi) The traffic police ordered all the passers-by to keep off the road.

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