

## **Grade 8 English Home Language Worksheet**

## **Determining word meaning**

1. Look up 'heart' in a thesaurus and write down the synonyms that you find. You must have at least 5 words in each column. Put the synonyms into columns, as below:

WORDS I KNOW WELL	WORDS I THINK I KNOW	WORDS I DO NOT KNOW

- Use FIVE of the words you know well in sentences of your own.
  (10)
- 3.1 Use a dictionary to look up the meanings of FIVE of the words you think you know. Write down the meanings.
  - (5)
- 3.2 Use each of those words in a sentence of your own.
  - (5)



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## **Suggested Solutions**

1.

WORDS I KNOW WELL	WORDS I THINK I KNOW	WORDS I DO NOT KNOW
basic	bottom line	crux
centre	marrow	focal point
core	nitty-gritty	gist
middle	cardiac organ	hub
nucleus	attachment	kernel
quick	good will	nub
root	inclination	pith
seat	soft spot	quintessence
soul	tenderness	ticker
clock	sentiment	ardour
care		endearment
closeness		puppy love
concern		amore
crush		predilection
desire		propensity
friendliness		
friendship		
kindness		
liking		
love		

2. The learners must use FIVE of the words from Column 1 in sentences of their own.

1 mark each for a sentence. 1 mark each for the word used correctly in the sentence.

(10)

3.1 Learners must choose FIVE of the words they think they know. Write down the meanings.

(5)

3.2 The learners must use FIVE of the words from Column 2 in sentences of their own.

½ mark each for a sentence. ½ mark each for the word used correctly in the sentence. (5)