Unit 8. NEW WAYS TO LEARN

PART 3: READING

I. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.

sites	settings	ways	taken	application
horizons	virtual	whether	potential	that

Young children are increasingly using tablets as well as smartphones and other devices with touch screens in early education (1) ..... and with family members.

Tammy and Rose, age 4, have been studying sunflowers with their classmates. They want to sing and record a song about sunflowers while creating a drawing, using a(n) (2) .....on the tablet. The girls have coordinated their efforts and are happy with the result.

To help the class learn more about sunflowers, Kathryn, Tammy and Rose's teacher, used the tablet to find online (3) ..... with photos and facts. She then took the children on a (4) .....tour of Van Gogh's sunflower paintings. They read and discussed an electronic picture book about Van Gogh's life. The children had already examined real sunflowers and their parts, made sketches, read informational texts and stories, counted seeds, and (5) .....part in a variety of investigations, touching on every learning domain. The teacher's use of the tablet together with early practical learning activities expanded the children's (6) .....Activities offered on the tablet provided new (7) .....for the children to represent and share what they learned.

Tablets have the (8) .....to be powered tools for early learning. The choices we make about how they are used determine (9) .....the technology is helpful or not. We need to develop "digital literacy" skills and decide how to use these new tools in ways (10) .....can support every child's healthy development and learning.

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT HELP YOU LEARN ENGLISH

There are many ways to learn English. With the increase in new technology, many companies are now providing new electronic (1) ____ to help people learn English more quickly.

You can (2) ____ the lessons from an English translation Internet site and put them on your iPod. Because it is portable, you can listen and learn anywhere.

English audio tapes and English audio CDs are a (3) ____ method of learning English. All you need is a cassette or CD player. You can learn in many (4) ____ including your car.

An electric translator or (5) ____ dictionary is an excellent tool one can use when traveling on a vacation, on a business trip, studying languages, conversing with foreign people, and in a variety of other situations. Many devices have a number of attributes that include advanced text-to-speech and voice recognition technologies. There are many good-quality electronic dictionaries on the market. (6) ____ on which one you purchase, there is an extensive range of vocabulary that can include up to one million words or (7) ____. There are also electronic dictionaries that contain common expressions and phrases, grammar references, and much more. Two popular hand-held English electronic dictionaries include the Talking Electronic Dictionary and the Audio Phrasebook. They include hundreds of thousands of words, definitions, and thesaurus entries. You can

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view the word on the screen and hear it spoken. It is likely that you have your own language (8) ____. Just speak into the device and you will be provided with an (9) ____ translation voice response.

Choosing an electronic device that helps you learn English has made learning and speaking English easier, faster, and more enjoyable. Before you purchase a device, make sure you research each product to find the English learning tool that (10) ____ your lifestyle.

1. A. asks	B. ceremonies	C. requests	D. devices
2. A. bride	B. regulations	C. download	D. notes
3. A. condition	B. great	C. relation	D. wealth
4. A. beans	B. boxes	C. presents	D. locations
5. A. bad	B. electronic	C. luck	D. interest
6. A. Depending	B. allows	C. stops	D. refuses
7. A. existence	B. dead	C. more	D. divorce
8. A. flat	B. interpreter	C. house	D. apartment
9. A. intelligible	B. contribution	C. difficulty	D. reception
10. A. troubles	B. problems	C. ovals	D. complements

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