GO AHEAD, MAKE UP NEW WORDS

4.. The sentences will help you learn words and phrases in the talk.. Read and listen to the sentences. Guess the meaning of each bold word or phrase. Then choose the best meaning.

1. Our use of our native language is **unconscious**. We are not aware of the grammar rules, but we can still speak correctly.
   a. incorrect **b.** understandable **c.** without thinking
2. People with good **manners** use polite language. They do not use rude or abusive terms.
   a. background **b.** social behavior **c.** vocabulary
3. People who write dictionaries are usually **linguists**. When they are at university, they study how languages work.
   a. hard workers **b.** language experts **c.** teachers
4. Word **usage** changes over time. For example, before Facebook existed, *friend* was only used as a noun. However, it is now used as a verb.
   a. definitions **b.** pronunciation **c.** how something is used
5. We should not **discourage** children from using language in creative ways. We should support their creativity.
   a. help **b.** make a mistake **c.** take away (someone's) confidence
6. Don't **squish** all of your words on the same line! It makes your writing very difficult to read.
   a. copy neatly **b.** put closely together **c.** spell incorrectly
7. Unusual words **grab** people's **attention**. When you use them, people become interested and listen carefully to you.
   a. catch (someone's) interest
   b. interfere with (someone's) understanding
   c. make (someone) understand better
8. The meanings of words can change over time. For example, in the 14th century, *girl* meant a female or male child. Later, there was a **shift** in meaning, and *girl* now only refers to females.
   a. change **b.** difference **c.** problem
9. Television **commercials** help companies sell products. The best ones use words and pictures in unusual ways. This helps people remember the product.
   a. advertisements **b.** pictures **c.** programs
10. The word *camcorder* is a **blend** word. It combines parts of two words—*camera* and *recorder*—to form a new word, with its own definition: a camera that can record videos.
    a. combination of two or more parts **b.** brand name **c.** compound

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