**EXERCISE I**

**Rewrite the following statements in your own words:**

1. Language gradually transforms itself over the centuries.
2. Speakers have a range of different speech forms in their repertoire, and vary them according to the needs of the occasion.
3. Language change usually has a direct effect on attitudes towards language. Some people may disapprove of alterations.
4. At the medieval period there was no standard variety. They all wrote in different 'dialects' or varieties.
5. Once one variety becomes supravalued, the others become infravalued.
6. When a social or regional variety, for example, is chosen as the standard, there is a process of acceptance. It becomes a standard functionally elaborated (used for administration, intellectual fields, religion, etc.).
7. The other varieties then do not get used for these functions.
8. Sometimes the literacy uses one dialect and the oral communication uses another variety, which is what happens nowadays in many cases. Then, people become diglossic, with two languages or two dialects used for different social functions.