

**Daniel and Diana**

Daniel and Diana were good friends. They had majored in economics at Bristol University in the early 1980s. Then Daniel met Rachel, who had arrived a year after them, and fell in love with her at first 30 \_\_\_\_\_. In Rachel he found everything he was looking 31 \_\_\_\_\_ in a wife. They married the day he graduated, and after they returned from their honeymoon, David took over the management of his father's farm in Bedfordshire. Three children followed in quick succession, and Diana was proud when she was asked to be godmother to Sophie, the eldest. Daniel and Rachel had been married for twelve years; they 32 \_\_\_\_\_ ever quarrelled. 33 \_\_\_\_\_ married couples were so happy.

34 \_\_\_\_\_ Diane was regularly asked to spend the weekend with them in the country, she only accepted one invitation out of three. She would have liked to join them more often, but since her divorce she had no desire to take advantage of their hospitality.

Diane felt tired. She 35 \_\_\_\_\_ her work, but it had been an awful week. Two contracts had fallen through, her son had been dropped from the school soccer team, and her daughter had never stopped 36 \_\_\_\_\_ her that her father didn't mind her watching television when she ought to be doing her homework. "I will survive." Diana smiled and thought about Daniel's birthday. She had forgotten to get him a present.

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1. Nearly.
2. Closely.
3. Merely.
4. Hardly.