Busy Day

Let me tell you what happened once when my dear Uncle Podger decided to hang a picture on the wall. He told us not to 30 _____ and just watch him do it. He said he would do it by himself. Well, he came up to the picture which was waiting to be put up in the dining room and took it. But suddenly it fell down and the glass 31 _____ into pieces and he cut his finger. He started to 32 _____ his handkerchief but couldn't find it because he had put it in his coat and none of us knew where his coat was.

'Six of you!' Uncle Podger exclaimed, 'and you cannot find the coat that I put down only five minutes ago!' But then he got up from his chair and found that he had been sitting on his coat the whole time. 'Oh, you can stop your 33 _____. I've found it myself!'

Then after an hour was spent in tying up his finger Uncle Podger wondered where the hammer had disappeared to. And while everybody was trying to get the hammer he was standing on the chair saying: 'Well, I want to know if you are going to 34 _____ me here all evening!'

Finally the hammer was found, but we noticed that the nail which he had prepared was lost. And, of course, Uncle Podger didn't keep 35 _____ while he was waiting for another nail to be brought. We heard all he had to say about our habit of losing all the things he needed.

When the picture was hanging on the wall at last, everybody looked very 36 _____, all except Uncle Podg er, who was lively as ever. Aunt Maria remarked that if Uncle Podger wanted to do a job like that again, she would spend a week with her mother until it was over.

1. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Look at.
2. Look to.
3. Look after.
4. Look for.

A Storyteller

In my early 20s, after a year and a half in England, and four months in France, I returned to the United States and got a job at a camp in northern Virginia. My 30 _____ that summer was Dan from Mississippi, and I am from Rhode Island. We worked together with a group of boys from 12 to 14 years old. I've always been a bit untidy, but Dan was 31 _____ and clean, even after a night in the woods with our campers. We could not have been more different, but we got on because we shared the same 32 _____ of humor.

At the end of the summer, a few of us went to 33 _____ a cave in West Virginia and got stuck in the cave for the night. It wasn't as dramatic as it sounds. The park rangers had told us to stay there if anything happened. They knew where we were going, and when we should have been back. Dan hurt his right foot badly. So we had to 34 _____ the night in the cave. Food and water were not a problem, but we turned off our lights to save power. In the distance, we could hear the sound of running water.

To 35 _____ the time, we told stories. That night in the cave we moved from one family story to another. As the night wore on, I remembered more and more. I was not alone — the cave, the blue light and the flowing water released stories and memories that we had never revealed to anyone. It was as if a river of stories had started flowing in each of us.

When the rangers came the next morning, we didn't want to 36 _____. 'Can't we just tell a few more stories?' In the cave, that night, I became a storyteller.

2. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Feeling.
2. Emotion.
3. Reason.
4. Sense.

New York City:
Nostalgia for the Old Neighbourhood

Life is made up of little things: some unimportant memories from childhood that, in fact, shaped your character. I 30 _____ on Third Avenue in midtown Manhattan during the 1950s-60s where family life was centred around old 31 _____ of flats and small stores. Third Avenue was my old neighbourhood and it had character. It was 32 _____ with working families of Italian, German and Irish origin. We shopped together with all those people and their kids played together. Third Avenue influenced the way our family lived. I absorbed the street life. It gave me an 33 _____ that I could not have received in any other place. To me, it was home.

In a recent walk around Third Avenue my eyes 34 _____ signs of the old neighbourhood but couldn't find any. If I hadn't been born here and someone described the area, it would be 35 _____ to believe. It wasn't because a few buildings had changed — everything had changed. The transformation began in the late 1950s and 60s when corporations replaced the old neighbourhood. In the early 1960s, the houses were pulled down. Families were forced to 36 _____, the small stores went out of business and the old neighbourhood was changed forever. And now there is a lack of character in the transformed neighbourhood.

3. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Covered.
2. Held.
3. Loaded.
4. Filled.

To Hear a Child

I believe in patience. I live as a volunteer residential counselor in a small group home. These boys have brought joy and happiness into my life; they have made me laugh and made me proud. However, they have also challenged me, made me angry and tested my patience.

Each day we start anew, going about a 30 _____ routine. I drive them to school, pick them up, cook for them and help with homework. We spend the evenings 31 _____ about what happened during the day. I meet their teachers and study for tests with them. They are the last people I see each night and the first ones I hear in the morning. They have become a 32 _____ of my life. I am twenty-two and am beginning to understand the love of a parent.

I could not have come this far without patience. They do not think like miniature adults and it is not fair to expect them to. 33 _____ my expectations of them are high, I must remember that so much of what they see and understand is for the first time. First loves, first failed test, first time feeling the need to break away from the nest. I must have patience with them, because there is still a child within that comes out when I least expect it.

This world is a fast-paced, fast food, fast-internet place. 34 _____ , no matter how fast things move, children will be children. I believe they will mature quicker and with more tools if I am patient. I see it in their eyes. Over time, sad eyes can glisten again, but only if I am 35 _____ of the fact that it takes them longer to get somewhere.

I see around them a world that expects too much of them. They come 36 _____ too many things that give them too much sadness. They listen to me, respect me and understand reason but not always when I want them to. This opportunity has given me wisdom but only when I was patient enough to hear a child.

4. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Bit.
2. Part.
3. Parcel.
4. Piece.

Bo

It was raining. The rain started early in the morning and it seemed, that it would never stop. Looking out of the window, Bo was thinking about his telephone conversation. Raindrops spattered the windshield as the taxi sliced through 30 _____ traffic on Park Avenue. There were too many cars as usual. When it had skidded to a halt at the curb, Bo gave a ten-dollar bill to the driver. That included a very generous tip. He 31 _____ his point of destination and was ready to take on Frank Ramsey. He had called Ramsey that morning from the Yale club and demanded the meeting. Ramsey had tried to avoid it but Bo insisted and Ramsey gave 32 _____. At the building's revolving doors, Bo glanced back over his shoulder through the rain and noticed a woman standing on the sidewalk a short distance away. In the dim light he could not get a clear picture. She 33 _____ so much like Tiffany. She was wearing a yellow top and had long blond hair. Standing absolutely 34 _____ beneath her umbrella while everything around her moved, she seemed to be gazing straight at him. His heart 35 _____, the way it always did when he saw her. He couldn't help it. Bo strained to 36 _____ sight of her as he was jostled into the doorway. When he cleared the doors, the woman had already disappeared.

5. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. To.
2. On.
3. In.
4. Off.

A strange girl

Stephen pulled up the collar of his coat as he walked along the platform. Overhead a dim fog clouded the station. He was 30 _____ trains move slowly, throwing off clouds of steam into the cold air. Everything was dirty and smoke-grimed. Stephen thought with revulsion: "What a foul country — what a foul city!" He had to 31 _____ that his first excited reaction to London — its shops, its restaurants, its well-dressed attractive women — had faded. Supposing he were back in South Africa now... To 32 _____ the truth, he felt a quick pang of homesickness. Sunshine — blue skies — gardens of flowers. And here — dirt, grime and endless crowds — moving, hurrying, jostling.

He got on a train and passed along the corridor, looking for a place. The train was full. It was only three days before Christmas. He 33 _____ to go to his parents for Christmas... And then, suddenly, he caught his breath, looking into a carriage. This girl was different. Black hair, rich creamy pallor, the sad proud eyes of the South... It was all wrong that this girl should be sitting in this train 34 _____ these dull drab looking people. She should be somewhere splendid, not squeezed into the corner of a third class carriage.

He was an observant man. He did not fail to 35 _____ the shabbiness of her black coat and skirt, the cheap quality of her gloves. 36 _____, splendor was the quality he associated with her. He thought: "I've got to know who she is and what she's doing here."

6. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Say.
2. Talk.
3. Speak.
4. Tell.

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The Fruitcake Special

I was a chemist at the Amos Cosmetics factory in New Jersey, USA, trying to design a new perfume when it happened. I never thought I would discover something quite so amazing by 30 _____. Not me. I was only 23 and it was my second year at the factory. I liked my job very much but I was not a lucky person. I had come straight from the university then, but now I was a chemist in one of the biggest factories in New Jersey. It was an important position to have and meant lots of work.

I was 31 _____ out all the usual mixes of flowers and things- just as I always did — when I decided to throw in a 32 _____ of the fruitcake Mummy had packed for my lunch. I don't know why I did it — just did it. I put it into the mix with all the other things.

I thought it 33 _____ nice, but there was nothing special about it, so I put the bottle into my handbag. I couldn't give something like that to my boss. After all, I was a chemist and my job was to make perfumes in the proper 34 _____.

If I told him how I made this one he would tell me not to be a silly girl. Later, he would probably 35 _____a joke about it to his friends at the golf club.

"Anna!"

It was my boss, David Amos. He happened to be walking past where I worked. I couldn't 36 _____ being nervous. He was fairly sure of his good looks and never spoke to ordinary-looking girls like me. I was thrilled.

7. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Piece.
2. Lump.
3. Bunch.
4. Pinch.

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Kent 1926

Uncle Will arrived at Kent at 5 p.m. "What's wrong with your father, Bess? Will asked after 30 _____ her with an affectionate embrace. Bess was his favorite niece and he came as quickly as he could after her call. She sounded desperate. Stepping back, Will peered into her face. It was pale and filled with 31 _____.

"What happened?" Uncle Will placed his hand on Bessy's.

"Pa took my brothers fishing at Ravenscar last weekend and 32 _____ a cold then. It was chilly out on the North Sea, and very windy, and it poured with rain, they got drenched. His cold 33 _____ into bronchitis, as it often does with him. I think it's a family weakness, a weak chest, I mean. His face is white and he is feverish. I have never seen Pa look as ill as this. That's why I telephoned you."

"I am glad you did, and I'm certainly glad I decided to come down to Kent last night."

As they walked across the entrance foyer of Waverley Court, heading toward the staircase, Bess went 34 _____, "I think you know that my mother went to Rome for Easter. Her former college mate invited her. She took Cecily and the two boys with her. The boys were so happy. I didn't want to go with them, and now I'm relieved I stayed here, so that I can look 35 _____ my father."

"I'm assuming you've telephoned the doctor?"

"Yes, he will be here very soon. It's Dr. Earnest Lessing. He is the local doctor we use when we are residing in Kent. Meanwhile Faxton and I have been 36 _____ Father the best we can. He's been inhaling Frier's Balsam and taking his cough mixture. I do think that's helped." At this moment the door opened and Dr. Lessing came in.

8. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Caught.

2. Had.
3. Received.
4. Appeared.

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DANIEL'S VACATION

Daniel sailed out of Southampton on the Queen Mary that evening with his mother waving from the dockside. It was nice to have someone to see him 30 _____, someone who cared about him. Daniel showed his passport to a ship's officer at the gangplank and walked up into the ship. On deck, a steward looked at his ticket and directed him to his 31 _____. It was small but quite comfortable. He was excited as a child about his first trip abroad. While on board the great liner he wrote a long letter to his parents, which he posted five days later from Fifth Avenue. Early the following morning he purchased a ticket at a 32 _____ agency for a Pullman to Chicago. The train pulled out of Penn station at eight the same night, Daniel having spent a total of six hours in Manhattan where his only other purchase was a guide book of America. He couldn't 33 _____ thinking about his parents. His parents didn't know that he was going to Australia. They were sure he was going to spend his holidays in the USA.

Once the express had 34 _____the station, the Pullman carriage was attached to the super Chief which took him all the 35 _____ to San Francisco. Whenever the train pulled into a new station Daniel would leap off, buy a colourful postcard that indicated exactly where he was, fill in the white space with yet more information gained from the guide book before the train started to move. He would then post the filled-in card at the following stop and repeat the process. By the time the express had arrived 36 _____ Oakland station, San Francisco, Daniel had posted twenty-seven different cards back to his parents in the Little Boltons.

9. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Travel.
2. Trip.
3. Journey.
4. Voyage.

Dinner

Amos Finnister was a private detective. In all his years as a policeman and a private investigator, he had learned about people. He gained a psychological insight into most as he 30 _____ them do foolish things. He was at ease with people from all walks of life, and in consequence they were at ease with him.

And this was most apparent on Friday evening, when Major Cedric Crawford dined with him at the Ritz restaurant. Amos 31 _____ to dine there when he lived in New York.

By the time they were halfway through dinner, Amos had the major laughing and sharing stories, some of which were funny. By the time they had eaten the main course, Amos felt comfortable enough to 32 _____ the answer to an important question. "I wonder if you have ever come across Tabitha James."

Cedric 33 _____ knowing Tabitha with no sign of embarrassment or reluctance. "To 34 _____ the truth, I knew her quite well, actually. She was a close friend of a fellow guards officer, Sebastian Lawford. She fell in love with him at first sight. They were going to marry but unfortunately that did not come to pass."

"And why was that, Major, do you know?"

"Oh, yes, I'm afraid I do. Tabitha had contracted pneumonia but 35 _____ no attention to her illness. Before I knew it, she was dead and gone. As for Sebastian, he rejoined the army when the war broke out and was killed. A sad story, isn't it?" Amos nodded. So much depended 36 _____ this information.

10. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Seek.
2. Ask.
3. Pose.
4. Search.

Before Christmas

Vicky gave this party every year, just before Christmas. She 30 _____ to do it before the war and she was doing it now, when the war was over. It was always the same people who came. It struck her suddenly how clannish they all were, but to do then the Deravenels in particular were somewhat addicted to their family. Vicky knew that she could always depend 31 _____ her relatives in a crisis.

She was 32 _____ the guests greet each other and share the news. Vicky thought of her sister-in-law Kathleen, not present tonight. Vicky missed her presence. When Will had arrived tonight, he had 33 _____ that Kathleen was really sick. "But not Spanish flu," he had added swiftly, observing the look of apprehension crossing her face, "just a heavy cold."

Fenella's voice brought her out of her reverie, and she looked across at her old friend, who was saying, "How is Charlie feeling?"

"He's relieved he is safely home, but his wounds still hurt and he feels depressed ..." She looked at Fenella as if 34 _____ advice.

"Mr. Ridgely made a remark to me the other day that he wished there was somewhere wounded soldiers could go, to have some sort of recreation, talk to other soldiers," said Fenella.

"That's an interesting idea "Vicky glanced at the others, 35 _____ a brow. "Don't you agree?"

"To 36 _____ the truth, I do,"Stephen answered, always ready to back his wife in her project." I think such a place would be quite marvelous for the wounded men, who are now coming home." Fenella nodded.

11. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Looking.
2. Staring.
3. Watching.
4. Gazing.

Music lessons

It was a hard winter for Mother. She sometimes pleaded with Father but no one could ever tell Father anything. He continued to stand like a rock against stopping my music lessons.

To 30 _____ the truth, Father had certain natural gifts for debate. In the first place his voice was powerful and stormy, and he 31 _____ to let it out at full strength. As a second gift, he was convinced at all times that his opponents were wrong. Hence, even if they won a point or two, it 32 _____ them no good, for he dragged the issue to some other ground then, where he and Truth could prevail. When Mother said it surely was plain enough that I had no ear for music, what was his reply? Why, he said that the violin was the noblest instrument 33 _____ by man. Having silenced her with this solid premise he declared no boy should expect to learn it immediately. It required persistence. Everything, he had found out, required persistence. His motto was, "Never give 34 _____ ."

He said that Mother should be stricter with me, if necessary, and make me try harder. He also said that none of us realized what he had had to go 35 _____ . Mother started to cry and said, "But you're downtown, you don't have to hear it".

Father was outraged. His final argument, I remember, was that my violin had cost twenty-five dollars, if I didn't learn it, the money would be wasted, and he couldn't afford it. But it was put to him that my younger brother Julian could learn it instead. Father was defeated, though he didn't 36 _____ it, and I was set free.

12. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Gave.
2. Took.
3. Made.
4. Did.

Margaret

Old Margaret was just the kind of cook that we wanted. Lots of cooks can do rich dishes well. Margaret couldn't. But she 30 _____ in a way that made our mouths water. Her apple-pies were the best pies I've ever tasted.

But to 31 _____ the truth, even Margaret sometimes miscalculated. A large, royal-looking steak would be set before Father, which, upon being cut into, would turn 32 _____ to be underdone. Father's face would darken with disappointment. He would raise his foot and stamp slowly and heavily three times on the rug.

At this solemn 33 _____, we would hear Margaret leave the kitchen below us and come up the stairs to the dining-room door.

"Margaret, look at the steak."

Margaret would peer with a shocked look at the platter. She would then seize the platter and make off with it.

Father and Margaret were united by the intense interest they both took in cooking. Each understood the other instinctively. I have to 34 _____ that they had a complete fellow-feeling. Mother's great interest was in babies. She loved her children and her happiness depended 35 _____ them. She wanted to keep Father pleased somehow, and if it was too difficult or impossible she didn't always care about even that.

At table it was Father who carved the fowl, or sliced the roast lamb or beef. I liked to 36 _____ him take the knife and go at it. And usually the cooking had been as superb as the carving. Sometimes it was so perfect that Father would summon Margaret and say in a low voice, "You are a good cook".

13. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Into.
2. Of.
3. Out.
4. Over.

Helping Mother

"Liz! Remember to clean up the basement, ok?" Mrs. Parker called out. Liz, who was still lying in bed, sighed heavily and 30 _____. "All right, mom," she answered flatly, dragging herself out of bed. She got changed and headed downstairs for breakfast. As usual, the whole family was already seated at the dining table. Liz greeted everyone and sat at a 31 _____ seat next to her elder brother Evan. "Pass me the butter, bro," she said. "Sure," Evan replied and passed it to her. "Thanks," Liz said, and 32 _____ a thin layer of it onto her toast. Mrs. Parker placed an arm onto her daughter's shoulder. "Honey, I know it's going to be a tiring day for you, and I'd like your brother to help too. But he's got to head back to school for a day-long band practice." Liz sat still and didn't utter a 33 _____ word. She was mad that Evan had band practice and did not need to help in the 34 _____ chores. "I know what you're thinking, Liz. But honey, we really need your help. Dad's away on a 35 _____ trip, you know, his boss has sent him. Evan's busy with band practices, and I've got to help your grandma. You know, her health's been poor these days*" "Ok, ok. Enough of it, mom. I'll clean up the basement," Liz said. Sometimes she wished her mother wouldn't explain the reasons to her. Anyway, she thought to herself, it'll be good to 36 _____ the basement a little. She hadn't stepped into it since they moved in here a couple of months ago. "Who knows something interesting will pop out of nowhere," she grinned.

14. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Spread.
2. Extended.
3. Divided.
4. Covered.

Mausoleum of Mausolus

The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus (present Bodrum, Turkey) was a tomb built in 350 BC for king Mausolus and Artemisia, his wife.

In 377 BC, Halicarnassus was the capital of a small regional kingdom on the coast of Anatolia. In that year the ruler of the region died and left the kingdom to his son, Mausolus. Before his death the father king 30 _____ control of several of the neighboring cities and districts. Mausolus 31 _____ the territory of the kingdom as far as the southwest coast of Anatolia. Mausolus and Artemisia ruled from their capital over the surrounding territory 32 _____ twenty-four years. Mausolus, although he was descended from local people, spoke Greek and 33 _____ the Greek way of life and government. He founded many cities of Greek design along the coast and 34 _____ Greek democratic traditions.

Mausolus decided to build a new capital, a city as safe from capture as magnificent to be seen. He chose the city of Halicarnassus. Mausolus and Artemisia spent huge 35 _____ of tax money to embellish the city. They commissioned statues, temples and buildings of gleaming marble. In the center of the city Mausolus planned to place a resting place for his body after his death. It would be a tomb that would forever show how rich he and his queen were.

In 353 BC Mausolus died, leaving Artemisia broken-hearted. As a tribute to him, she decided to build him the most splendid tomb, a structure so famous that it became one of the Seven Wonders of the 36 _____ World.

15. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. By.
2. In.
3. With.
4. For.

Mark's Visit to Ravenscar

Mark and. Fenella were the first to arrive at Ravenscar. Mark had not been to Ravenscar for a long time, but even so he had not forgotten the spectacular 30 _____ from the library windows. As he and Fenella were ushered into the room by Cecily Deravenel, he 31 _____ his best not to rush over to the windows to enjoy the view.

"It's lovely to see you both," Cecily was 32 _____, and then her face broke into smiles. "Ah, here's Bess, your greatest admirer, Fenella. And Nanny with the other children."

A moment later Fenella and Cecily were surrounded by the youngsters, all clamoring for attention, and Mark took the opportunity to walk to the other end of the room. Mark always thought that 33 _____ up children was so boring.

Turning around Mark allowed his eyes to sweep the room for an admiring moment, taking in long shelves of books, several memorable paintings, and the handsome antiques, made of dark, ripe woods. There were 34 _____ sofas and chairs arranged near the huge stone fireplace. 35 _____ the warm weather, a log fire was blazing. It was a pleasure to be in such a nice room.

His eyes settled on Fenella, who was momentarily preoccupied with the youngsters, and he had to admit he had never seen such beautiful children in his life. They might have just stepped out of a portrait by one of the greatest artists of the eighteenth century, Thomas Gainsborough, George Romney, Sir Joshua Reynolds. Suddenly he 36 _____ he had had children.

16. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Saying.
2. Speaking.
3. Telling.
4. Talking.

Father Feels Starved

In the summers, when we went to the country, we usually hired a temporary cook to go with us, so that Margaret could stay in town. We hated to leave her, but the idea was that somebody must stay to 30 _____ care of the house.

But this didn't work well. No matter how few the substitute's faults were, Father had no patience with them. One summer, I remember, there was a nice woman Delia who got on well with Mother because she was so obliging and pleasant, but who didn't 31 _____ Father at all. "I don't give a damn how obliging she is," he 32 _____ to say. "If she won't oblige me by cooking something fit to eat, she can go."

This didn't sound unreasonable, but to 33 _____ the truth, Delia cooked well enough for the rest of us. Mother tried to 34 _____ no attention to Father's grumbling. At breakfast Father would put down his coffee cup in disgust and roar: "Does she call this confounded mess coffee? Take it away!" And while Mother and Delia were frantically making a fresh pot, he would eat all of his omelet and bacon, and then declare that he was starved.

The longer Delia stayed with us, the more alarmed Father became. He ate heartily, but he said he didn't feel nourished. At last Mother had to 35 _____ that it was impossible to go on like this. "This is Delia's last night. I do hope you will like Tobo, they say, he is a very good cook."

The next night, Father found out, that the first dish was too Oriental and the meat underdone. So Mother sent for Margaret. She knew she could always depend 36 _____ Margaret.

17. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Held.
2. Kept.
3. Used.
4. Took.

Sharing music with friends

Brenda is a nineteen-year old full-time college student, and she earns money working part time as a waitress. Brenda loves to listen to music like most young people, but she can't 30 _____ the high CD prices that record companies 31 _____ for popular CDs. Brenda says that the prices of CDs are ridiculously high at $17 to $20 each and there are only two or three good songs on each CD.

She 32 _____ an apartment with three other roommates. She pays her own 33 _____ and she also pays most of her 34 _____. Her solution to expensive CDs is to download or copy music from the Internet. Brenda and millions of other people are called "downloaders" because they download free file-sharing software and music. When Brenda later gives, shares, or trades her music files free over the Internet, she is also an uploader. She considers herself an active music uploader, but the music industry considers her a 35 _____. From 2001 on, the Recording Industry Association of America has sued and fined dozens of file-sharing services, for uploading music files, and hundreds of people, for 36 _____ the law by downloading music.

18. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Leases.
2. Lends.
3. Hires.
4. Rents.

Your Future World

What will you be doing in 2025? Will you be living in an undersea research station? Will you be the chief engineer 30 _____ a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean? Will you be leading an 31 _____ to the planet Mars? Will you be...?

You can daydream, of course, but nobody knows exactly what the world will be 32 _____. But scientists have made some guesses.

Based on the advances made, they believe people will be healthier. Diphtheria, malaria, tuberculosis, polio and many other killers are under control now. These diseases are on the way out, 33 _____ to germ-killing chemicals, new ways of finding out about our bodies, and new ways of providing clean, safe 34 _____ and water.

Healthier people live longer, so we can expect the world's population to 35 _____ sharply. It may double in the next forty years! This brings up a serious problem: how will we find food, water, and minerals for such a huge population.

Scientists are at work on some solutions. From the ocean they hope to get new fertilizers to increase the yield of the soil; new chemicals to kill crop-destroying insects without 36 _____ other animals, new sources of water or supplies of food.

19. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Like.
2. Alike.
3. Likely.
4. Likable.

The Great Discovery

In ancient times people lived on whatever food they could find. As the early people 30 _____ in numbers, they had to wander and search for wild fruits and seeds of wild plants or hunt for small animals.

Then one of these early people 31 _____ a great discovery. A great genius discovered the meaning of seeds. He may have noticed that where some seeds had fallen on the ground, new plants grew. Perhaps he was 32 _____ enough to put some seeds in the ground to see what would happen. No one knows how it happened, but man 33 _____ that if he put a seed into the soil it could grow into a plant which might yield hundreds or even thousands of seeds!

He was free of the need to be in a constant search of his food! Early man could now 34 _____ seeds in the spring and wait for them to grow.

In the fall he could gather a harvest of seeds. There would be enough to 35 _____ himself and his family all through the winter, with some left over for planting when spring came.

This discovery was the beginning of 36 _____ and the most important change that ever happened to people on earth.

20. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Curious.
2. Questioning.
3. Surprised.
4. Puzzled.

The Best Breakfast in the World

The "Greasy Spoon" cafe on Arundel Road offers the best full English breakfast on the planet. Of course people 30 _____ about what "full English" should consist of but I think there is a small clue in the word "full". This is a breakfast that knows no modesty. This is not a breakfast for those on a diet. It is the breakfast of Kings; it should be enjoyed 31 _____ leisure and last for the day.

That the "full English" (FE) contains both bacon and eggs is 32 _____ dispute. After this there are different schools of thought. Sausage, mushrooms, beans, black pudding, fried tomatoes and toast are often 33 _____ in different line ups and combinations competing for the best, all time classic FE. These are 34 _____ in different portions and styles and a decent breakfast is the almost guaranteed outcome. But an FE on Arundel Road beats all contenders for the best FE in the world because it includes ALL of these ingredients in 35 _____ quantities! They also serve hot toast on traditional toast racks with real butter. But best of all, each customer is served their own pot of traditional English tea (with tea cozy) which may be drunk with milk or cream. And all of this is offered for just £5 per person — and with a newspaper included! The Greasy Spoon is popular with working people and students alike. It opens early during the week for the lorry drivers and on Sunday mornings 36 _____ families come in and spend half the day there.

21. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Beyond.
2. Behind.
3. Besides.
4. Below.

A night at the Museum

Anna and Ira are best friends. They are both Russian but 30 _____ the Southbank International School as their parents both work in London. They are fifteen now and are studying hard for their International Baccalaureate. Every Saturday they love to visit museums and galleries in London and so now they have visited 31 _____ all of them. But, above all, their absolute favourite is The Natural History Museum in South Kensington.

They filled in an online 32 _____ form and became "members". This means they get free magazines called "Evolve" and "Second Nature", get fast track entry to special exhibitions and they get invited to previews, workshops, talks and special 33 _____ They even get to use the special member's room where there are free refreshments, magazines and internet access. It 34 _____ them £56 for the year but they felt it was really good value for money.

Last weekend they took part in "Dino snores" — an event 35 _____ by the film "A Night at the Museum". They were given a talk about bugs by TV nature presenter Nick Baker, explored the Dinosaur gallery in the dark on a torch-lit tour, watched films and played games, and then slept in sleeping bags under the shadow of the huge Diplodocus in the Museum's iconic Central Hall. It was a night they'll never forget. Although Ira and Anna are both interested in Dinosaurs — they are more interested in present day wildlife and most interested of all in 36 _____ Russian wildlife. When they go back to Moscow both want to study and eventually become wildlife research scientists.

22. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Application.
2. Admission.
3. Entrance.
4. Request.

The storybook wolf

Jose Luis Rodriguez of Spain is the overall winner of The Wildlife Photographer of the Year 30 _____ — a wolf jumping over a gate! He visualized his photo many years ago, when Iberian wolves first returned to Vila in the Castillo y Leon region of northern Spain, and cattle ranchers 31 _____ war on them. His idea was a picture that would symbolize the ancient conflict 32 _____ humans and wolves, while showing the beauty and strength of this fabled animal. But it took a long time to find the ideal 33 _____, let alone a wolf that would jump a gate. His chance came when he found a landowner who was happy to have both the wolves and Jos6 Luis on his property, and also had the ideal setting: a copse and an ancient, disused cattle corral. Jose Luis started by placing meat in the corral.

Once he knew a male wolf was visiting regularly, jumping the gate, he began to introduce the bits of equipment needed to 34 _____ up a camera trap. At first, the wolf didn't like the flash triggered by the trip beam, but after a few weeks he 35 _____ no notice of the light or the clicks of the hidden digital camera. Now that the wolf was happy and the camera 36 _____ was right, it was time to take the final picture with a medium-format camera. When the first transparencies arrived back from the lab, Jose Luis was overjoyed to find he finally had the picture he had dreamt of.

23. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Between.
2. Among.
3. Within.
4. Amongst.

New Family Member

Tracey and her sister had always wanted their own horse. And although neither of them had much spare money, they were about to 30 _____ their dream. The tricky part was not getting a horse but actually finding somewhere to keep one. But eventually Mrs. Richards agreed to let the girls 31 _____ a small field at the far end of the farm. This was going to 32 _____ them £500 a year but it would work out at just over 20 pounds per month each which was OK. The horse himself was coming from the Horse Rescue Charity. They would need to make a small donation.
every year to cover the cost of an animal welfare inspector who would visit twice a year. The 33 _____ expenses after this would be for food and vet bills. But the two girls were 34 _____ that they could manage and were committed to going ahead. And it was a big commitment. They were getting an eighteen month old skewbald colt named Domino. Horses often live over twenty years and the sisters were taking him on 35 _____ life. Actually they had plans to get another horse as a friend for Domino. But first of all Domino would need to settle down. He had been badly treated by his previous owners and was still a bit nervous and difficult to 36 _____.

24. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Charge.
2. Fee.
3. Pay.
4. Cost.

Christmas

As a small child I loved almost everything about Christmas. The excitement of Christmas Eve was almost unbearable. We'd go from house to house singing Christmas carols and be given hot mince pies and other 30 _____ Before bed our parents would read us stories and eventually put us to bed with warnings that Santa Claus would not come if we stayed awake. Before 31 _____ into bed we would leave out a mince pie for Santa and something for his reindeers as a "thank you": For me Santa was the great hero and I never 32 _____ that he would come down our chimney to deliver my presents. I loved, as I mentioned before, "almost everything". Immediately after Christmas I was told by my parents that I had to write "thank you letters". As a six-year-old, writing 33 _____ one letter was a task, but several made a mountain — pressing down on my small world. "Why" I argued to my Mum "should I write to grandparents, aunts and uncles? Santa brought me all my presents". And my mother would lie to her son. 34 _____ lies of how Santa helped Granddad choose my toy car and with the help of elves and reindeer delivered it for Granddad — but that still I should thank Granddad for the small part he played in it. The following year her lies were even more devious as she tried to 35 _____ me convinced. As I eventually solved this annual mystery, I of course lost all 36 _____ for not writing the "Thank you letters" as the realisation dawned that Granddad had managed everything by himself.

25. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Hesitated.
2. Suspected.
3. Mistrusted.
4. Doubted.

Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами 30–36. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям 30–36, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов.

Amos

It wasn't unusual for Amos to go to Deravenels on Saturday, even though the offices were closed over the weekend. He 30 _____ to go to tidy up his paperwork and do other small jobs he couldn't attend to during the week. But on this Saturday morning he had a specific purpose when he arrived at the grand old building on the Strand. The uniformed doorman 31 _____ Amos close his umbrella and take off his raincoat. Then he touched his cap and said, "Good morning, Mr. Finnister."

Amos had come to the office to 32 _____ a few telephone calls. His first call was to the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, where he quickly discovered the records office was not open on weekends. He then dialed Ravenscar and was put through to Edward Deravenel.

"Good morning, Amos," Edward said. "I'm assuming you have some news for me." Amos then relayed all the information he had gathered the night before.

"Well done, Amos!" Edward exclaimed. "Thank you for going into all this 33 _____. I knew I could depend 34 _____ you. My wife will be happy as I am to know everything; it's been such a mystery all these years. To 35 _____ the truth, I think that Grace Rose should also know what happened to her mother. It will finally put her mind at rest."

"I agree, sir. I will telephone you on Monday." Amos walked home, 36 _____ no attention to the heavy rain. He felt happy.

26. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Take.
2. Do.
3. Make.
4. Give.

Uncle Stan was a noisy man. When he 30 _____ in the morning, he somehow managed to wake the entire household. No one complained, as he was the breadwinner in the family, and in any 31 _____ he was cheaper and more reliable than an alarm clock.

The first noise Harry would hear was the bedroom door slamming. This would be followed by his uncle tramping 32 _____ the creaky wooden landing, down the stairs and out of the house. Then another door would slam as he disappeared into the toilet. Stan 33 _____ his breakfast to be on the table by the time he walked into the kitchen. He only had a wash and a shave on Saturday evenings before going off to the Palais or the Odeon. He 34 _____ a bath four times a year on important holidays. No one was going to accuse Stan of wasting his hard earned cash on soap.

Maisie, Harry's mum, would be next up, leaping out of bed moments after the first slammed door. There would be a bowl of porridge on the stove by the time Stan came 35 _____ of the toilet. Harry had to be down within five minutes of the first slammed door if he hoped to get any breakfast. The last to arrive in the kitchen would be Grandpa who was so deaf he often managed to sleep through Stan's early morning ritual. This daily 36 _____ in the Clifton household never varied.

27. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Above.
2. Along.
3. Under.
4. Behind.

The Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935 was celebrated by everyone at Trumper's. There were various posters and pictures of the royal couple in every shop window, and Tom Arnold ran a competition to see which shop could come up with the most imaginative display to 30 _____ the occasion.

Charlie 31 _____ charge of Number 147, which he still looked upon as his personal kingdom, and with the help of Bob Making's daughter, who was in her first year at the Chelsea School of Art, they produced a model of the King and Queen made from every fruit and vegetable that hailed from the British Empire.

Charles was angry when the judges - the colonel and the Marchioness of Wiltshire, awarded Number 147 second place 32 _____ the flower shop, which was doing a roaring trade selling bunches of red, white and blue chrysanthemums. What had put them in the first place was a vast map of the world made 33 ____ entirely of flowers, with the British Empire set in red roses.

Charles gave all the office 34 _____ the day off and he escorted Becky and Daniel up to the mall at four-thirty in the morning so that they could find a good vantage point to watch the King and Queen proceed from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral, where a service of thanksgiving was to be conducted.

They 35 _____ at the mall only to discover that thousands of people were already covering every inch of the pavements with sleeping bags, blankets and tents. Charles knew he could only depend 36 _____ his luck to find a spare place.

28. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Above.
2. Along.
3. Under.
4. Behind.

After the war

When the war ended I returned to Trinity College and was granted an extra year to complete my degree. 30 _____ my father and mother considered my grant at Trinity the highlight of the year, I thought Dad's receiving an award from the Queen was more important.

The ceremony turned 31 _____ to be a double delight, because I was able to witness my old tutor, Professor Bradford, receive his award for the role he had played in the field of breaking German military codes 32 _____ the war. I was proud of our little team working under Professor Bradford — as Churchill stated in the House of Commons, we had probably cut the length of the war by a year.

We all met up afterwards for tea at the Ritz, and not unnaturally at some 33 _____ during the afternoon the conversation switched to what career I proposed to follow now the war was over. To my father's credit he had never once 34 _____ that I should join him at the family company, especially as I knew how much he had longed for another son who might eventually 35 _____ his place. In fact, during the summer vacation I became even more conscious of my good fortune, as Father seemed to be preoccupied with the business and Mother was unable to hide her own anxiety about the future of the company. But whenever I asked if I could help all she would 36 _____ was, "Don't worry, it will all work out in the end."

29. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Until.
2. Unless.
3. During.
4. While.

Virtual High School

Christina C. was determined to graduate from high school. Yet, being not a driven student she faced numerous hurdles , leading to frustration.

At that point, a school administrator told Christina about a new public schooling 30 _____ — Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS) Virtual High School — that could be a path to graduation.

Christina chose the combination of Virtual High School's online instruction coupled with the support from classroom teachers. This hybrid education model 31 _____her to take online courses at home and attend some lessons at school.

"When I found out about this program, my mother said it was a good idea and told me she would help me get 32 _____ it. The school even provided bus 33 _____ so I could attend — and it was the best decision," she said.

"It was hard for me to adjust but taking the classes on the computer gave me a chance to study at my own 34 _____," said Christina.

The online courses also relieved the pressure Christina often felt in a traditional classroom. "Sometimes I was hesitant to let a teacher know I didn't understand something. Because there were so many students, I couldn't get the individual attention I needed. The online courses really take the pressure off because you can 35 _____ your time till you understand it all," she explained.

This past June, Christina, aged 19, graduated from High School and her academic success and newfound confidence spurred her to apply — and to be accepted — to Trinity Christian College, with a partial scholarship.

"I was shocked ... Here I was ready to give up, and I graduated with As. I can go to college and make my dreams 36 _____true," she said.

30. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Over.
2. On.
3. Ahead.
4. Through.

Mexico City

Mexico City was hot and frantic with Olympic gamesmanship. The hotels were full but, fortunately, Kevin owned a country house just outside the city which we 30 _____ our headquarters. The Whites also had their home in Mexico City but they were more often than not at Kevin’s private palace.

I must 31 _____ that when Kevin decided to move he moved fast. Like a good general, he marshalled his army close to the point of impact; he spent a small fortune on telephone calls and 32 _____ in getting all we needed for the expedition in the shortest time possible. I had a fast decision to make, too. My job was a good one and I hated to give it 33 _____ unceremoniously, but Kevin was pushing hard. I 34 _____ my boss and he was good enough to give me six months’ leave of absence. I deceived him in a way, I gave him the right destination but not the real reason for going there. Yet I think that going to Yucatan could be understood as looking 35 _____ my father’s estate.

Kevin also used resources that only money can buy. The thought of it made me a bit dizzy. Kevin was able to lift a telephone and set a private police force in motion. It made me open my eyes and think again. There was something about Kevin that got at me. Whatever it was, I preferred to keep it bottled up. Will I 36 _____ it in the future?

31. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Achieved.
2. Succeeded.
3. Managed.
4. Fulfilled.

The Chameleon Stone

That morning Tanon, a young farmer's boy, discovered a strange stone in the cattle shed. It felt cold 30 _____the touch. Well, not exactly cold, more cool and smooth. It was fashioned like no other stone that Tanon had ever seen. He was fascinated by it and it 31 _____ his gaze like a venomous snake did its prey, just before making its lethal strike. Yet there was no strike — just the beautiful curves of this most precious of objects. At least, Tanon presumed it was precious, but now he had a decision to 32 _____. Should he take it immediately to his master or could he hold 33 _____ to its smoothness for just a little longer? A clap of thunder broke his daydream and he turned his gaze heavenwards. Dark clouds were forming 34 _____ smoke billowing from an open fire and Tanon knew he had not much time before the rain came. He had to get the cattle inside before the full force of the storm came to bear down on the farm. 35 _____ as he was standing up, his prize started to change. Swirling mists and patterns drifted over its outer layer and a pale pulsing light seemed to throb from its core. Tanon 36 _____ in wonder — was this some sort of magical object?

32. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Do.
2. Make.
3. Have.
4. Get.

Amy

It was Christmas Eve. Amy had never before felt such a powerful energy on such an 30 _____.

Standing in the living room of the ranch house, Amy 31 _____ where Paul Chadwick really lived, since it was apparent he did not live there. Paul and Anna had not put much of a mark on the apartment, Amy reflected. The apartment was handsome but impersonal. She knew that the places where he was supposed to live were too tidy, too sleek, they 32 _____ like hotel suites. He had an office in the Towers apartment and one here, and in those she could see some marks of the man; but she saw none in the living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms.

The décor was resolutely Western, its furnishings assembled to 33 _____ the effect. Only one item said something. Above the huge smoke-stained fieldstone fireplace here was a small photograph, a snapshot, actually, of a grim, solid man in his sixties. He wore a no-nonsense expression, glaring disapprovingly at the world but not at the photographer. If you knew what you were looking 34 _____ in the picture, or used a magnifying glass, you could identify a bottle of bourbon on the desk. On a table at his side were two candlestick telephones. That was Paul Chadwick the First. Amy 35 _____ to John and his sister Emily and said, "Your father is not what I imagined he would be." Amy had seen pictures of Paul Chadwick, so his appearance was no surprise. What she had not seen in his newspaper and magazine pictures was that he was aggressive, beyond doubt, but 36 _____ that he was easily, naturally charismatic.

33. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Viewed.
2. Glanced.
3. Looked.
4. Watched.

The dream bridge

This is a real life story of engineer John Roebling building the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, USA back in 1870. The bridge was completed in 1883, after 13 years. In 1869, a creative engineer named John Roebling was 30 _____ by an idea to build a spectacular bridge connecting New York with the Long Island. 31 _____, bridge building experts throughout the world thought that this was an impossible task. They 32 _____ Roebling to forget the idea, as it just could not be done and it was not practical. It had never been done before.

Roebling could not ignore the vision he had in his mind of this bridge. He thought about it all the time and he knew 33 _____ in his heart that it could be done. He just had to 34 _____ the dream with someone else. After much discussion and persuasion he 35 _____ to convince his son Washington, an up and coming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be constructed.

Roeblling had never had any projects with his son before. Working together 36 _____ the first time, the father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. With great excitement and enthusiasm, and the headiness of a wild challenge before them, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge.

34. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Talked.
2. Told.
3. Said.
4. Spoke.

Rick Riordan — Author of Percy Jackson

How does an ordinary history teacher living in San Antonio, Texas, become one of the most well-known middle-grade writers of the 21st century?

Rick Riordan's first book series "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" 30 _____ out as a bedtime story for his son Haley, who had just been diagnosed with ADHD (attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder) and dyslexia. 31 _____ the time Haley was in the second grade and was studying Greek mythology. He asked his father to 32 _____ him some myths as bedtime stories. When Rick ran out of myths, Haley insisted that he make 33 _____ some new ones. This is how the fictional character Percy Jackson was born, who, just as Haley did, suffered from ADHD and dyslexia. Later Rick told some of these stories to his 6th and 7th grade history class, who critiqued it, made some improvements and 34 _____ him to write the story down.

At that time Rick Riordan was already an aspiring writer. He was trying and 35 _____ to get some of his works published. On a whim, he sent his agent a manuscript with the title: "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief", which very quickly got published.

Rick Riordan got enough money from his first book to quit his teaching job and become a full-time writer. 36 _____ then, he has written three more series based not only on Greek, but also on Roman, Egyptian, and Norse mythology. And he doesn't seem to intend to stop writing any time soon!

35. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Speak.
2. Tell.
3. Talk.
4. Say.

Growing up with Joey

I enjoy thinking of my childhood. But when I think of my home town where I grew up, all that I 30 _____ to remember is dust. I remember the brown, crumbly dust of late summer that gets into the eyes and makes them water. It is the kind of dust that gets into the throat and between the 31 _____ of bare brown feet. I don't know why I should remember only the dust. There must have been green lawns and paved streets under leafy shady trees somewhere in town.

One day returns to me clearly for some reason. I was resting under the great oak tree in the yard. I was deep in thought which I have now forgotten except that it involved some secret. Joey and a bunch of kids were bored now with the old tire hanging from an oak limb. It had 32 _____ them busy for a while. "Hey, Lizabeth," Joey yelled. He never talked when he could yell. "He, Lizabeth, let's go somewhere."

I came back from the thoughts of my private world. "Where at, Joey?"

The truth was that we were becoming tired 33 ____ the empty summer days.

"Let's go over to Miss Lottie's," said Joey.

The idea caught on at once. Annoying Miss Lottie was always fun. I was still child 34 _____ to run along with the group.

We went over old fences and through bushes that tore our 35 _____ ripped clothes, back to where Miss Lottie lived. I think now that we must have looked partly funny and partly sad. There were six of us, all different ages, dressed in only one thing 36 _____. The girls wore faded dresses that were too long or too short. The boys wore patched pants. A little cloud of dust followed our thin legs and bare feet as we tramped over the dusty ground.

36. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Got.
2. Preserved.
3. Held.
4. Kept.

An unforgettable trip

When I decided to go travelling, I wanted to get away from everything for a while. I could suddenly feel the freedom and the adventure, and I really wanted it for a 30 _____ time. So I sold all my furniture, gave notice on my flat, quit my job, and then bought a backpack and a ticket halfway around the world.

During my first stopover in Singapore, on my way to Australia, I felt nervous. I sat tired and hungry in my hotel room, 31 _____ with my wish to take a flight straight back home. Because if I felt lonely after 32 _____ 14 hours, could I honestly do this for another 12 months? Fortunately, something inside encouraged me not to 33 _____ up and to see the night through, and I carried on.

One of my worries setting out had been meeting rude people, but I didn't come across a single unkind person on my travels. In fact, the people I met were everything I tried to be: kind, considerate, creative, down to earth, passionate, warm and friendly. 34 _____ I travelled on my own, I was never alone — all the people I met became my friends. For example, one Italian girl gave me her jumper when I was cold, a Japanese girl helped me cook a meal, and another girl helped me with my bags on a train. Once I met a group on a tour bus who persuaded me to 35 _____ them on a boat trip, which ended up being one of the best trips of my life. And the guy I met 36 _____ chance walking down a mountain on Christmas Day is now one of my closest friends.

37. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Else.
2. Just.
3. Still.
4. Yet.

The Lake District

The Lake District is a popular National Park. More and more people enjoy its fantastic scenery each year, due 30 _____ increasing numbers of car owners and improvements to local roads and motorways. This, 31 _____, is placing an ever increasing pressure on this beautiful and valuable environment.

Traffic jams in and around the Lake District create air pollution. Parking facilities at most tourist sites are overflowing in peak season causing visitors to park on the grass which, 32 _____, causes soil erosion. Litter is also a problem, 33 _____ many bins are provided and people are 34 _____ to take their litter home.

Activities 35 _____ hiking, camping and mountain biking cause severe footpath erosion. Visitors often leave the designated trails, risking nesting birds and animals being disturbed, vegetation being destroyed and water courses
becoming polluted.

In addition, the traditional hill farming of the Lake District has effects on the landscape. Grazing sheep 36 _____ the grass short and eat other vegetation, including young saplings. The difficulty faced now is how to preserve the beauty of this area without lowering the enjoyment of visitors or impairing the livelihoods of local farmers.

38. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. In turn.
2. In appearance.
3. In general.
4. In conclusion.

Olivia

I never took Olivia to the theatre, but it was there I met her. I 30 _____ the habit now of going every Saturday night, usually alone, sometimes with George. It was George who 31 _____ me to Olivia Nelson. She was an only child whose father, a cotton merchant, had died and left her all he had. She was not very beautiful but she was tall, very graceful, smartly dressed and 32 _____ me at once. Olivia got interested when George said that I was a novelist. Novelists were not too common in Cornwell then, though I believe they are now as numerous as knights. Olivia adored famous people. She was delighted to meet me. It turned 33 _____ that Olivia had read my books, at least some of them and she liked them. She could 34 _____ intelligently about them. She praised them and criticized them with a good deal of common sense. She discussed new plays and new books with me. She developed a habit of being wherever I was to be found. We had a few meals together at restaurants, and I 35 _____ that I was dressing with unusual care.

She was so excited and happy, so full of good conversation, that I was charmed and captivated by her company. But I couldn't help thinking that something was wrong. There was no 36 _____ to think the worst. However, I couldn't make myself propose to her.

39. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Engaged.
2. Involved.
3. Attracted.
4. Appeared.

Taming Birds

The most amazing thing happened this morning. I still can't believe it! Everyone knows how much I love feeding birds. In fact, I have several feeders around the yard. So, today, just as I was 30 _____ to fill one of my feeders, I noticed a chickadee perched on the lower branch of a 31 _____ tree. The little bird seemed to be watching me.

Of course, chickadees really like sunflower seeds, and that's what I always put in this feeder. I 32 _____ it was probably hungry and just waiting for me to finish up and leave. It was then that I got this great idea.

Chickadees are supposed to be easy to hand-tame. Well, the chickadee was still perched on the tree, and I had the seeds, so I decided to try. I took a 33 _____ of seeds, held out my hand — palm up — next to the feeder and stood very still. I didn't even 34 _____ my nose when it started to itch! About a minute later, the chickadee flew to the tree closest to the feeder. I 35 _____ my breath and waited. It didn't fly to my hand, but it did fly to the feeder! It took a seed and flew off to eat it. I knew it would be back, so I continued to watch and wait. And sure 36 _____, in about half an hour of patient waiting my stubbornness was rewarded and the chickadee landed on my hand!

40. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Figured.
2. Counted.
3. Estimated.
4. Deciphered.

The Surprising Story of Jeans

Do you know about the California Gold Rush? It happened in 1849. Gold was discovered and 40,000 people called prospectors went to look for it.

Levi Strauss heard about them. He went to California in 1853. But he didn't go to find lumps of gold. He went to sell materials needed for everyday life. He thought prospectors would need canvas for tents. It turned 30 _____ they needed pants. So he made pants out of his canvas. Soon Levi had used 31 _____ all his canvas. So he switched to another material — denim.

In 1873, Levi Strauss partnered with Jacob Davis, a tailor from Nevada. They created denim pants with rivets, or short metal pins, to 32 _____ the pants from falling apart. This 33 _____ the birth of Levi's® jeans. The pants they made were strong. They wore well. They had sturdy pockets to hold gold nuggets. Word spread. Soon everybody wanted "Levi's pants". They started calling them just "Levi's". 34 _____ time, Levi's became another name for jeans.

In the 20th century, Levi's jeans became even more popular. If in the 1920s workers in the western United States were their biggest users, in the 1950s, movie stars such as Marlon Brando and James Dean wore jeans in films and on TV. Teens started wearing them, but jeans were not allowed in school.

In the 1960s, jeans became more 35 _____ as more and more Americans wore them. The demand for Levi's jeans grew in Europe and Asia. In the 1970s, a pair of Levi's went on display at the Smithsonian Museum. It was part of the American history collection.

Today jeans continue to be a popular clothing 36 _____. Many other companies make jeans in different designs and colors.

41. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Hold.
2. Keep.
3. Stay.
4. Make.

Dirty Job? Oh Yeah!

"You couldn't pay me to do that job!" Have you ever said that? Some occupations are so unpleasant that most people would never be 30 _____ to do them.

Jeff Biggs has a job like that, but he likes it. He's the kind of guy who, as a kid, loved to play around in mud after a rainstorm, the kind of kid who loved squeezing oatmeal 31 _____ his fingers.

Bigg's dirty job is being a sewer inspector. He inspects city sewer pipes that carry household wastewater and storm-drain runoff to water treatment plants. "Believe me," says Biggs, "unpleasant doesn't come 32 _____ to describing it. I creep, sometimes swim, through sewage all day." 33 _____ to the unpleasant smells that he encounters, sewer tunnels are 34 _____ to creatures such as cockroaches and rats. And those creatures aren't shy.

What is it like to do a really disgusting job day after day? "Someone has to do it," says Biggs. "I seriously can't imagine sitting in an office all day, and I earn a good salary. At the end of my workday, I've 35 _____ something, and I've helped to keep our city's water clean and drinkable."

And after work? "I don't walk into the house right 36 _____," explains Biggs. "We installed the washing machine in the garage and put a shower stall in there too. I toss my clothes into the washer, take a shower, and dress in clean clothes. Then I greet my family. Of course, sometimes the clothes go into the trash, not the washer."

42. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Close.
2. Near.
3. Next.
4. Nearly.

Two years in a hut

Henry Thompson, a writer, built a hut on the shore of the pond and lived there all alone for two years. He did this for two reasons: because he wanted to 30 _____ that people spend too much time and money on food and clothes and because he wanted a perfectly quiet chance to write more books. 31 _____ to the writer, he spent only one hundred dollars a year while he lived in this hut. He raised beans on his land, ate wild berries, caught fish and "went visiting" his friends and neighbours now and then. To buy his woodsman's clothes and a few necessities, he planted gardens, painted houses, and cut wood for his friends.

This period influenced Henry's creative work a lot. He wrote a book called "The Wood" which 32 _____ all about these seven or eight hundred days he lived in his hut. Several other books also describe the time when he 33 _____ to live all by himself. These sold very well. In all of them Henry was boasting that he had found the only sensible way to live. "I am for simple living, and I 34 _____ being alone!" he would declare in his books. He 35 _____ you feel, when you read his books, that it is fine to walk around the fields, sniffing the wild grape and the green grass, and that no one can find pleasure like the man who rows, and skates, and swims. 36 _____, people passing by the pond used to hear him whistling old ballads, or playing very softly and beautifully on a flute, and they thought he sounded lonely and sad.

43. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Speaks.
2. Tells.
3. Says.
4. Talks.

Land!

On September 30, 1492, sailors on three ships, the *Pinta*, the *Niña*, and the *Santa Maria*, were worried. They had left the shores of Spain weeks 30 _____. No one knew what 31 _____ ahead. They hoped that they would see land soon, but land was nowhere 32 _____ sight.

Then their luck changed. They began to notice signs of land. First they saw a large flock of birds flying overhead. They even heard the birds call out. Then the 33 _____ of the *Pinta* spotted green reeds floating in the water. Sailors on the other ship also began to see signs of land. The sailors began to have more hope.

Christopher Columbus was the leader of the group. He urged the sailors to be more watchful than ever. He 34 _____ them to fire a cannon when they spotted land.

Then at ten o'clock at night on October 11, Columbus saw a light. Columbus did not trust his own 35 _____. He knew his strong desire to reach land might be causing his imagination to run wild. He asked two other men if they saw the light. The first man 36 _____ to see the light, but the second one did not.

The Moon rose before midnight and lit the water. With their eyes scanning the water, the sailors on all three ships watched silently. Two hours later everyone heard the blast of cannon. The men on the *Pinta* had seen land. All the men cheered.

44. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. On.
2. To.
3. Upon.
4. In.

Alberto Santos Dumont: Brazil's Favourite Aviator

Most people have heard of the Wright Brothers, the two Americans generally considered the inventors of the first practical airplane. Few people 30 _____ than Brazilians have heard of Alberto Santos Dumont, another visionary in early aviation.

Santos Dumont was born in 1873 in Minas Gerais, Brazil. When he 31 _____ 18, he was sent to Paris to study astronomy, physics, and mechanics. He became interested in dirigibles, or airships held up by a "lighter-than-air" gas often 32 _____ in a balloon.

Santos Dumont's balloons won many races and prizes, including one in 1901 for circling the Eiffel Tower in less than 30 minutes. Reportedly, Santos Dumont took the 100,000 franc prize and split it 33 _____ his workers and Paris's beggars.

After conquering the skies in lighter-than-air vehicles, Santos Dumont became interested in heavier-than-air vehicles. His 14-BIS plane left the ground on November 12, 1906, to fly 34 _____ a speed of approximately 37 km/h and a height of 6 metres to reach a total distance of 220 metres. This flight demonstrated that a heavier-than-air vehicle could take 35 _____ by its own means.

The Wright Brothers had flown their Flyer I in 1903 with the help of a catapult's launch. The Wright Flyer flew for longer distances at a higher altitude than the 14-BIS. 36 _____, most people consider the Wright Flyer the first practical airplane. Undaunted by this classification, Brazilians still celebrate Santos Dumont as a national hero.

45. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Consisted.
2. Comprised.
3. Composed.
4. Contained.

Friday the Thirteenth

Most British sailors have a superstition that Friday is an unlucky day, and Friday the 13th — particularly so. There is a legend about how the British Admiralty decided to expose the absurdity of this notion (30) _____. Most likely, it is untrue, but it doesn't stop the sailors from religiously believing in it.

Sometime in the 1800s, as the story (31) _____, the Royal Navy decided to demonstrate the falseness of the belief that beginning a voyage on Friday would bring you bad luck. They commissioned a ship and named it the HMS Friday. Her keel was laid on a Friday, she was launched on a Friday, and she (32) _____ sail on her maiden voyage on Friday the 13th, under the command of Captain James Friday. She was never (33) _____ or heard from again.

As you can imagine, the Admiralty has consistently (34) _____ the truth of this story. They claim there has never been a Royal Navy ship named Friday, or any other day of the week, (35) _____.

But the Navy's claims are unimportant because generations of British seamen have (36) _____ every word of the story as true. It confirms their superstition and superstition cannot be overcome by logic.

46. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Set.
2. Put.
3. Spread.
4. Started.

A Natural Wonder

The Grand Canyon in Arizona is one of the most spectacular sights in the USA. The colours of its stone walls can take your breath 30 _____. The canyon is mostly red, but different layers of rock are gray, green, pink, golden and violet.

The colours are beautiful. However, it's the size of the Grand Canyon that really makes people 31 _____. It's huge! The widest spot of the canyon is 29 kilometers 32 _____!

If visitors look down into the canyon, they see the Colorado River. It 33 _____ through northwestern Arizona along the canyon floor for 446 kilometers! A raft ride down the length of this river through the Grand Canyon can 34 _____ two weeks. The Grand Canyon was actually made by the Colorado River. The river has run through this area for about 6 million years, carving the rock into a canyon. Some of the rocks in the Grand Canyon are 4 billion years old.

The Grand Canyon is also deep — in places it is more than a kilometer and a half deep. Willow trees grow at the bottom of the canyon where there is plenty of water. Cacti are common in drier areas. Wildlife 35 _____ coyotes, foxes, deer, badgers, pumas, bobcats, rabbits, squirrels, and chipmunks.

The Grand Canyon was made a National Park in 1919. That first year about 44,000 people came to see it. Today, about 5 million people a year come to 36 _____ the Grand Canyon. It's truly one of the world's natural wonders.

47. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Across.
2. Over.
3. Opposite.
4. Cross.

Jane Goodall

When Jane Goodall was 26 years old, she began a great adventure. The year was 1960. Jane went to Africa on a special project. Her job was to learn everything she could about chimpanzees. She set (30)_____ her camp on a game reserve. A game reserve is an area that has been set aside as a place where animals can live freely and safely.

Jane went out into the forest every day. She sat and (31) _____ the chimpanzees for hours at a time. She wrote down every detail of their behavior. She got to know the chimpanzees very well. After a time, they came to (32) _____ her. It was obvious that these animals were ready to (33) _____ her as a friend. Jane's work led to several new discoveries. She found that chimpanzees use (34) _____ to get food. She watched as they poked sticks into termite holes to gather insects to eat. She also learned that chimpanzees sometimes hunt small animals for meat. This was a big surprise. Scientists had always thought that chimpanzees were (35) _____.

National Geographic has produced many films and articles about Jane Goodall's work. Jane has also written books about her experiences.

Jane Goodall's work has helped (36) _____ our knowledge and understanding of animals. That work continues through the Jane Goodall Institute.

48. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Trust.
2. Believe.
3. Confide.
4. Approve.

John Muir: American Naturalist

John Muir loved nature. He loved it so much that in 1867 he walked a thousand miles from Indiana to Florida (30) _____ the age of 29 just to see what plants and animals he could (31) _____ along the way. While he walked, he recorded everything he saw in his journal of notes.

Next, Muir journeyed to California. He spent six years exploring the Yosemite Valley. He also traveled to Alaska, Utah, and Nevada. Again, Muir (32) _____ a journal to record the flora and fauna of each region. During his travels, Muir saw how farms and ranches damaged forests. He wanted to protect American forests from destruction as Americans moved west.

Muir had been writing in journals for most of his life. He decided to use words to show Americans how important it was to preserve the natural beauty of their country. He began to write about nature in magazines and newspapers. He (33) _____ that the government should work to protect the wilderness from destruction.

In 1980, the government created Yosemite National Park to protect the land. In 1892, Muir (34) _____ the Sierra Club to continue fighting for the conservation of American forests. By 1903, Muir's calls to protect the American wilderness (35) _____ the attention of President Theodore Roosevelt. With the president's support, Muir helped create Grand Canyon, Mount Rainier, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks. We can (36) _____ visit these sites of natural beauty and geologic significance today.

49. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Held.
2. Kept.
3. Lead.
4. Rode.

Ray Ewry

When he was a child, Ray Ewry became ill with a fever. It turned **30** _____ that he had polio. Polio is a disease that **31** _____ people to become paralyzed. Ray gradually got better, but he found that his legs had been weakened by his illness. The doctors thought that leg exercises might help him regain his strength. But they **32** _____ Ray that he probably would never be able to walk and run as he once had.

For the next few years, Ray exercised daily. He did everything his doctors had recommended and more. After a while he could tell that his hard work was paying **33** _____ His legs became stronger and stronger. He even began to take part in track and field events.

Soon Ray could jump higher and farther than most people. So, he entered the Olympics in 1900 and **34** _____ up for three contests. He entered the standing high jump; the standing long jump; and the standing hop, step, and jump. He won gold medals, or first place, in all three events.

Ray repeated his amazing **35** _____ in 1904 and planned to try again in 1906. But before the next games, the hop, step, and jump was dropped from the list of events. So, Ray had to settle for only two gold medals in 1906 and two again in 1908. Ray had indeed overcome his illness. Today, he **36** _____ the record for the most Olympic gold medals ever given to any one person.

50. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Talked.
2. Spoke.
3. Said.
4. Told.

The Art of the Elephants

If your cat walked across something you were painting and left footprints behind, would you consider your cat an artist? What if your bird could **30** _____ a coloured pencil in its beak and make marks on a piece of paper? It may sound like a joke, but some people have been taking animal art seriously.

In 1995, two Russian-American artists, Vitaly Komar and Alex Melamid, heard about the troubled elephants of Thailand. Elephants were used for hundreds of years in Thailand's logging industry to haul timber from forests. When the forests in Thailand began to disappear, the government put a stop to logging. All of a sudden, there were many elephants who no longer had a way to **31** _____ a living. Some elephants were abused. Others couldn't find enough to eat. Komar
and Melamid knew that something had to be done to help the elephants. Then, they came **32** _____ with an idea.

Komar and Melamid visited elephant camps in Thailand and began to show the *mahouts*, or elephant trainers, how to teach the elephants to paint. At first, the mahouts had to guide the elephants' trunks. Later the elephants became more **33** _____ doing this — with practice and lots of sweet snacks! Finally, the elephants started to paint **34** _____ their own. The strange idea that Komar and Melamid had to save the elephants began to work! Today, people buy elephants' artwork from galleries all around the world.

Some people compare the cheerful, brightly-coloured artwork to the paintings of Pollock and Kandinsky, and are **35** _____ to pay over $2,000 for the work of the elephant artists. Others are just happy to buy art that is so unique and to support such a good **36** _____.

51. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Over.
2. Through.
3. Out.
4. Up.

Tartans

Tartans, traditional fabric patterns, are a symbol of Scottish heritage and have been worn for centuries. The distinct crisscrossed pattern of colors woven into the fabric makes each tartan 30 _____ and easily recognizable.

The history of tartans can be traced 31 _____ to the 16th century. It is believed that tartans were originally used as a way to identify different regions of Scotland. 32 _____, over time, they came to be associated with specific clans, and wearing a tartan became a way to show one's loyalty to a particular clan or family.

In the late 1700s, the British government banned the wearing of tartans to suppress Scottish culture and identity. The ban was lifted in 1782, but it wasn't 33 _____ the early 19th century that tartans became popular again, thanks to the efforts of Sir Walter Scott, who popularized the wearing of tartans through his novels.

Today, tartans are still popular, and many people wear them to show 34 _____ their Scottish heritage. But tartans are not just a fashion 35 _____. They also have cultural significance and are often used in ceremonies and events. For example, at weddings, the groom and his groomsmen may wear kilts made from the same tartan as the bride's family to symbolize the joining of two clans.

While tartans are most commonly associated with Scotland, they have also been 36 _____ by other cultures around the world. In the United States, for example, many schools and universities have their own tartans, which are used to represent the school's identity and pride.

52. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Actually.
2. Although.
3. Therefore.
4. However.

At the office

Max White tapped on Paul's office door at 15.00. He walked in without 30 _____ for a response. Paul looked up from the papers on his desk and said, "Sit down, Max. Please 31 _____ me everything you know."

It was Tuesday, the eighth of July; the day before, the rumors had been rampant throughout the company that more of the top executives were going to be sacked on the explicit orders of Brent Horn. 32 _____, nobody knew who would be terminated. So most of people were 33 _____ about losing their jobs. An atmosphere of fear reigned in the company for the first time in over thirty years, and there was gloom on every floor of the building.

Max had all the information, as he had just told Paul on the phone; now he leaned closer and confided, "I understand George Sanford was given his walking orders late on Friday afternoon. And this week we'll see the 34 _____ of Jim Cooper and John Turner, two good men." It was terrible news. They had been with the company about as long as Paul had. They were among Brent Horn's big supporters when he was trying to get the company back from the DeWitts. They were much 35 _____ by everyone. Paul couldn't 36 _____ of their dismissal. He was truly shocked, and it showed. The company had changed the moment Brent Horn had taken control, and it genially concerned him.

53. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Therefore.
2. Although.
3. Moreover.
4. However.

A Terrible Flood

The newspaper headlines claimed that the recent flood was a once-in-a-lifetime event. People in the soggy farm town in Iowa certainly hoped that was true. The Mississippi River knew no banks for two weeks in August. The mess that was left **30** _____ would take an incredible amount of time, money, and energy to clean.

When Dawn and Greg arrived on the bus **31** _____ their grandmother's farm town, they didn't recognize much. They **32** _____ a lot of rubbish, including parts of homes, pieces of furniture, piles of sandbags, and acres of slimy mud. **33** _____ they could even see dead fish that had remained in the mud when the waters receded.

Grandmother was anxious to greet Dawn and Greg and get back to the house to continue the cleaning. Her car had been ruined in the flood, so they **34** _____ the mile to the house.

"Grandma, how badly **35** _____ was your house?" asked Dawn as they slopped through the mud. "Well, the house is still standing, but it is covered with the same kind of slimy mud we're walking in," replied Grandma.

"You mean this mud came through the doors and windows?" asked Greg **36** _____.

"I'm afraid the force of the water and mud broke through the basement windows and filled the house up to the second story with river water, silt and fish," said Grandma sadly.

54. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Saw.
2. Watched.
3. Looked.
4. Gazed.

Oranges

Oranges are one of the oldest known fruits. Chinese writings that date back to about 2200 BC mention oranges, and their cultivation in China was far advanced by the Middle Ages. They were not **30** _____ into Europe, it appears, until after the beginning of the 15th century.

Columbus on his second voyage stopped at the island of Gomera in the Canaries and took seeds of oranges and lemons with him to Isabela, his colony on the island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic) where 30 years later citrus trees were **31** _____ to be "beyond counting". In the early 1500s oranges journeyed to South America and Mexico. When St. Augustine, Florida, was settled in 1565 the sour orange was **32** _____ its fruits. By 1821, when Florida joined the Union, oranges were beginning to be developed commercially.

Southern California and Florida **33** _____ most of the oranges grown in the USA, with an increasing harvest coming from Texas and parts of Arizona. This is because the orange cannot thrive in areas where temperatures fall much **34** _____ freezing. When a freeze descends on orange groves, anxious growers spend days and nights to save their **35** _____ crops.

Orange juice did not become a truly national American breakfast **36** "_____" until the concentrated juice was frozen, and that was in the late 1940s. Canned orange juice was not even marketed until the 1920s.

55. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Among.
2. Besides.
3. With.
4. Within.

Understanding Emotional Intelligence

Emotional Intelligence (EI) is an important skill. It involves recognizing and managing feelings, 30 _____ in ourselves and others. 31 _____ Intelligence Quotient (IQ), which measures cognitive abilities such as attention, memory, language, reasoning and problem-solving skills, EI focuses on social skills and emotional awareness, impacting how we navigate personal and professional relationships.

In personal relationships, a high 32 _____ of EI means a good understanding of your own emotions and being empathetic towards others. This helps to form deep connections. 33 _____, a lack of emotional intelligence, such as impulsive reactions or poor listening, can ruin relationships.

In professional settings, EI plays a vital role in success. It enables individuals to be confident, self-aware, and skilled in 34 _____ difficult social situations. 35 _____ dealing with colleagues, clients, or team members, a high degree of emotional intelligence contributes to effective communication and professionalism.

Focusing on improving emotional intelligence can be very beneficial for personal and professional growth. While it is often 36 _____ that to have success in life it is most important to focus on a person's IQ, emotional quotient — EQ — is no less important. It complements cognitive abilities measured by IQ, promoting better teamwork and creating a more positive work environment.

56. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Size.
2. Height.
3. Level.
4. Strength.

Ronda and Max

Max and Ronda had become real friends and, perhaps, more than that. Max 30 _____ that Ronda meet him in Hartwood's the week after the wedding of her sister. They hadn't seen each other in five weeks and had been 31 _____ each other. She had a mountain of work to do at the store, especially with their online business now, and they had just hired another assistant whom Jane was training, and Ronda thought she should be there too. But she wanted to see him, and 32 _____ to go. She had been feeling down ever since the wedding. And after Hartwood's he had business in California and he wanted her to join him.

Ronda 33 _____ her mother she was leaving and meeting a friend and Belinda thought it was an excellent idea. Ronda looked exhausted, and her mother didn't ask who she was meeting, since Ronda didn't mention it herself. Belinda never pried, but she hoped it was 34 _____ a special friend. She thought it would 35 _____ Ronda good if it was.

Ronda took a plane to California two days later, and a very small airplane from there to Hartwood's. The second flight was bumpy and the landing was frightening, but she was so happy to be meeting Max that she didn't care how bad the 36 _____ was. He was waiting for her at the airport and held her tightly in his arms. He could see all the strain and sorrow of the past month in her eyes. And all he wanted to do now was to make it better.

57. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Admired.
2. Approved.
3. Admitted.
4. Agreed.

Going on a hike

Simon and I were in a school football team. Occasionally, the team took field trips to places outside of our neighbourhood on the weekends. Last week, our coach Mr Brown **30** _____ we were going on a hike through a forest in a state park.

Simon is my best friend, and the two of us had both liked the trips to the museums, plays, and basketball games. We weren't all that **31** _____ in the outdoors. **32** _____, Mr Brown claimed that we'd really enjoy discovering how amazing nature can be — especially for the big city kids. Simon and I were sure we'd rather be back home playing video games.

Now we were in a state park, marching through woods as **33** _____as a grizzly bear's fur. Our group of 12 kids had been hiking for a good 30 minutes when Simon and I grew bored and stepped away from the group to take some pictures.

I looked around, shouting, "Check out that tree — it's kinda cool. Doesn't its shape **34** _____ you of an elephant?"

"Ha! It does," Simon replied. "And look at how those rocks are formed over there. You don't see stuff like that in the city, now do you?"

For the next few minutes, we got caught up in **35** _____ flowers, leaves, animals, and little caves we hadn't seen before. The more we opened up to the forest, the more it opened up to us. We were beginning to see the amazing things around us.

Out here, away from the city, I was starting to get what Mr Brown had **36** _____ us about how wonderful nature could be.

58. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. Although.
2. Otherwise.
3. Moreover.
4. However.

The Midnight Train

As the clock struck midnight, Sophie stood by the station platform, waiting for the last train of the night. The city was silent, its usual noise 30 _____ by the occasional rustle of leaves caught in the wind. Sophie had always found something pleasant about these late hours.

Sophie boarded the train, which, 31 _____ the late hour, was nearly full. Some passengers were lost in their own worlds, heads tilted to the side in sleep, while others sat silently, eyes fixed on the passing scenery.

Sophie found an empty 32 _____ by the window, settling in with a book that she hadn't yet opened. The train began its slow, rhythmic journey through the outskirts of the city. As the train picked up speed, Sophie 33 _____ out at the dark countryside. Outside, everything was 34 _____and peaceful, bathed in the soft light of the train. She felt a strange sense of calm.

This week had been full of 35 _____ work and stress, but here, on the train, everything seemed to slow down. She could hear her own thoughts, for once not drowned out by the noise of daily life.

Sophie knew that the journey was not long and that she would soon arrive at her destination. But for now, she enjoyed the stillness, the fleeting sense of freedom that came with being far from everything. The train was a temporary escape, a place where she could leave behind the weight of the world and 36 _____ herself to be carried by the rhythm of the tracks.

59. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1) seat
2) sit
3) set
4) sitter

A new family

It took Peter time to get used to living alone, without Fiona. He made it a weekly ritual to come to lunch with Steve and Ann on Sundays, and he had asked Paul to call him Grandpa as **30** _____ as he could talk. The young family and he filled a need for each other. They had created a family without a connection by blood, but their **31** _____ for each other was deep and heartfelt.

Steve was **32** _____ well in the diamond business under Peter's tutelage. He had learned his lessons well and his knowledge of banking and finance helped too. He made sensible decisions and gave Peter good advice, which he valued. And with the commissions he earned, his savings were **33** _____.

When Paul was four, they moved into a two-bedroom apartment in the same building and felt as though they had moved into a palace compared to their tiny studio. They bought secondhand furniture and Ann upholstered it herself. The apartment they moved into became **34** _____ when one of the old tenants left. Steve and Ann painted it themselves. The neighborhood had **35** _____ slightly in the five and a half years they'd been there. The building was no better, but they knew everyone in it, and it felt like home to them. The rents were incredibly cheap and what they could easily **36** _____. Ann never liked spending too much money.

Peter was about to turn seventy by then, and had had some health issues, but nothing serious. He had been thinking of making Steve a partner, since he had no son or other relatives to leave the business to.

60. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. holding
2. keeping
3. doing
4. making

Cockney

Cockney is a traditional working-class accent from London, especially from the East End. It has a strong identity and is famous for its unique pronunciation and *rhyming slang*.и People with a Cockney accent often drop the *h* at the beginning of words, so "house" sounds like "ouse." They also **30** _____ *th* with *f* or *v*, so "think" sounds like "fink" and "brother" sounds like "bruvver."

One of the most interesting parts of Cockney is its *rhyming slang*. This means that people use phrases that rhyme with the real word. For example, **31** _____ saying "stairs," a Cockney might say "apples and pears." Sometimes, they shorten it, so "apples" alone means "stairs." Other examples **32** _____ "trouble and strife" for "wife" and "dog and bone" for "phone."

Cockney is strongly connected to London's history. In the past, people thought of it as a lower-class accent, but today, many people **33** _____ it as an important part of London's culture. **34** _____ famous Cockneys are actor Michael Caine and musician David Bowie.

35 _____ Cockney is less common today because of the influence of other accents, some elements, like rhyming slang, still survive. Whether you hear it in old movies or on the streets of East London, Cockney **36** _____ a fascinating part of English language history!

61. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1) involve
2) integrate
3) install
4) include

Sandy

Sandy called Dan Atkins the following week, to give Berta Canning, her literary agent, plenty of time to get in touch with him and send him the manuscript he could read. She hoped he would **30** _____ to help her to edit her first book. And when Dan Atkins answered, he seemed as though she'd woken him out of a sound sleep. She **31** _____ profusely, and he didn't sound happy to hear from her. There was a long silence and then he told Sandy to come on Saturday. He explained that he lived near the university campus where he **32** _____ to teach. She wasn't looking forward to meeting him, but she didn't want Berta to be angry with her either. So, she bicycled over to his address on Saturday. When Sandy got there, he took forever to answer the bell. She was **33** _____ about to leave when he opened the door.

She followed him upstairs to a large living room that would have been lovely if he tidied it once in a while. There were stacks of books everywhere, a pile of papers, a mountain of manuscripts on the desk and half eaten food on the coffee table. He obviously lived alone and needed a housekeeper desperately. He was as untidy as his living room. He had a long, unkempt beard, a mane of wild white hair that **34** _____ Sally of Albert Einstein. He was wearing jeans, a sweater with holes in it, and tennis shoes. Sandy could **35** _____ figure out his age. He seemed to be about seventy, **36** _____ Berta told her later that he was only sixty. He said that he liked her book.

62. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1. held
2. took
3. kept
4. used

Dancing Honeybees

Many flowering plants depend on bees for pollination. When a honeybee discovers a patch of flowers with nectar and pollen, the bee flies to the hive to **30** _____ the other honeybees. The bee dances to communicate with the other bees in the hive.

The bee's dance is a code that **31** _____ the direction and distance of the flowers. The honeybee uses the sun as her point of reference. For example, if she **32** _____ her dance to the left of an imaginary vertical line perpendicular to the sun, this signals to the other bees that the location of the flowers is to the left of the sun. A long dance indicates a larger find, **33** _____ a short dance signals a smaller discovery.

Within a short period of time, many worker bees leave the hive and **34** _____ for the flowers. A honeybee can visit between 50 and 100 flowers during a single collection trip. The **35** _____ honeybee produces about onetwelfth of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime. Honeybees must visit about two million flowers to make one pound (0.45 kg) of honey. In this way, honeybees play a **36** _____ role in both nature and human life.

63. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1) performs
2) produces
3) makes
4) forms

Pedro's Class Trip

Yesterday, Pedro's class went on a whale-watching trip. When they arrived at school, they **30** _____ a bus that took them to Monterey Bay. **31** _____ there, they climbed aboard a large tour boat. The boat captain asked each child to put on a life vest before the boat **32** _____ sail.

As the boat began to journey out into the open sea, the tour guide told the students about the kinds of animals they were **33** _____ to see on their trip. She **34** _____ the students to ask questions and to watch for signs of marine life.

About an hour into the trip, Pedro and his friend Jeff **35** _____ a group of dolphins swimming together. The tour guide told the students that these dolphins were called Pacific white sided dolphins. Just a short time later, they were all surprised when a large gray whale came to the **36** _____ of the water and blew air out of its blowhole, spraying water onto the side of the boat. The students roared with laughter and excitement.

64. Вставьте пропущенное слово.

1) began
2) lifted
3) started
4) set