



GRAMMAR
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WITH KEYS

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Poor neighbour	Fishing	A book lost	Computers	Jealous Kitty	An impolite phone call	Ann the photographer
A bad day at school	Lost job	A good job	Shopping with Kate	Simon's house design	A young reader	Mum's friends
Skiing	Late again-1 (school)	Dana the bus driver	Stonehendge	My school years	Dad's original ideas	Birthday party
University life	On a winter road	Late again -2 (work)	Tracey's new school	Cleaning the park	Visiting Grandpa	Sister's jewellery
A student arrested	Mobile phones	At Professor's house	Canada	First flight	Excursion to the firehouse	The fear of darkness
Painting walls	Dancing	Pumpkin pie	Birdhouses	A birthday abroad	At the zoo-1	A telescope for birthday
At the beach	Stereotypes about Scotland	A special guest	Park rearrangemen +	Strange Eliza	Dylan's old car	The magic lamp
Shopping with Martin	Vegetable juice	About a camel	Robbie's dog Roxy	Sherlock Holmes' joke	The injured bird	Uncle Thomas' airplane
The Cornish language	The earthquake	Traumatising climbing	Roal Dahl	The Italian language	Mike Fay the naturalist	Robots
Lucky the cat	Moving house	A morning with Granny	Snow White skin	Missing home	A trip to London	The Bolshoi Theatre
Serious parents	Preparing for a birthday party	At the zoo-2	Thoughtful Jane	Paddington Bear	Band Aid-30	A substitute teacher

It was about 6pm when I heard a knock on the door. It _____ Jason, my teenage neighbour. He looked cold and upset.

“What’s wrong, Jason?”

“I _____ my key and I can’t get into my house.”

“Come in. Today’s not a day for long walks, or long waits,” I looked out the window. It _____ hard and it was windy.

The weather was getting _____ every hour.

Jason _____ off his coat and boots.

His _____ were wet and I gave him a pair of socks to change into. A cup of hot tea and some biscuits soon made the boy feel warm.

“Where are your parents, Jason?”

“I _____.

I can’t call them because of this”, he pulled his phone out of his pocket and showed it to me – the screen _____ and the phone was obviously dead.

Jason focused on the food again. He took his _____ biscuit and said: “I wish my mum could make biscuits like this.”

WAS

HAVELOST

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WORSE

TOOK

FEET

DONOTKNOW

WASBROKEN

FOURTH



We arrived at the lake very early. It was cold but in spite of that there were several _____ there. Dad pulled our fishing rods out of the rucksack and we joined the others.

“Hey, look what I _____!” a man sitting several metres upstream proudly showed us his bag. There was a large fish in it.

“Good job,” Dad _____ and everyone became quiet again.

“How long do we have to wait? When will they bite?” I whispered. “I _____,” Dad whispered back and a moment later he was holding a little, silver fish.

“See?” he turned to me. “But this one is too small. We’d better let it go and wait for the next one.” And he let _____ fish go.

The second fish was _____ than the first one and soon Dad caught a few more.

“If it goes on like this, mum _____ us a great dinner,” he said.

We kept fishing till noon but I didn’t catch anything _____ and got really bored with it.

To me, it _____ a stupid waste of time but I certainly wasn’t going to tell Dad that. He wouldn’t have liked it.

MEN

HAVECAUGHT

SAID

DONOTKNOW

HIS

BIGGER

WILLCOOK

MYSELF

WAS



When I came into the room, my computer was on. It worried me since I _____ switching it on.

I looked around – there _____ nobody in my room and everything was in its usual place.

Suddenly I _____ – the book had gone! I had left it on the table but it wasn't there any more.

I checked the window – it _____.

That meant that someone had come into the room through the door. My _____ impulse was to call the police but I called Jim instead.

“What _____?” Jim sounded sleepy.

I explained that someone _____ the book.

“Oh, no!” Jim sounded unhappy. “Do you have any idea how valuable it is?”

“There's another thing I _____ understand,” I interrupted Jim. “My computer's on but I always switch it off before leaving home.”

“Ok, stay at home. I'll be at _____ place in half an hour,” he said and the phone went dead.

DIDNOTREMEMBER

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UNDERSTOOD

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**HAPPENED/
HASHAPPENED**

HADTAKEN

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YOUR



Michael could not imagine his life without computers. His parents _____ him his first computer at the age of six.

It took _____ several days to learn how to use it.

His mum said that younger people were much _____ than adults at learning computer skills.

That was probably true – most _____ in Michael’s class were very competent computer users.

Michael was really surprised to find out that the first personal computer _____ in the 70s of the last century.

“And how did you chat or send your e-mails without computers?” he asked his mother. She smiled: “We _____ each other e-mails. And there were no networks.”.

She also said that it _____ fun to communicate face-to-face, to play out-of-doors and to visit friends’ homes.

“But if there _____ no computers, I wouldn’t be able to communicate with my friends who live far away from me,” Michael replied.

“True. Technological progress is a great thing,” his mother said. “And I think people _____ even more amazing communication devices in the near future.”

BOUGHT

HIM

FASTER

CHILDREN

WASINVENTED

DIDNOTSEND

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WILLCREATE



Kitty lived next door to me and we'd been friends since childhood. We studied at the same school and _____ there together.

I was sixteen and she was four years _____ than me.

But we had a lot in common and enjoyed chatting on _____ way to school.

Every morning Kitty knocked on my door and I had to be ready by that time – she _____ waiting for me.

One day she didn't knock. When I caught up with her at the bus stop, she _____ a magazine and didn't even look at me.

I _____ understand what was going on.

“Hey, Kitty, what's wrong? Why aren't you talking to _____?”

“You yourself know why,” Kitty said angrily.

“No, I don't. I wouldn't ask you if I _____.”

“You went to the cinema with Lisa Parker yesterday,” Kitty was almost crying.

I felt puzzled and didn't know what to say. The two _____ at the bus stop looked amused at our conversation and didn't hide their smiles.

WALKED

YOUNGER

OUR

DIDNOTLIKE

WASREADING

COULDNOT

ME

KNEW

WOMEN



The phone woke Kim up. She answered the call almost immediately, after the _____ beep.

The voice on the other end of the line sounded familiar but Kim _____ remember who it belonged to.

“Hello,” the lady said. “Can I speak to Mrs. Len?”

“I’m sorry but she’s not at home. She’s out. She _____ in the park.”

It was very cold out-of-doors and everything _____ in snow but Kim’s mother walked in all weathers.

She believed that it _____ her keep fit and gave her extra energy.

She actually looked younger than other _____ of her age and that was probably because of her walking.

“Can I take a message?” Kim asked politely.

“No. I _____ her later. When is she going to be back?”

“She normally _____ home at five.”

“Fine,” came the answer and the phone went dead.

Kim felt a bit hurt. “It’s not polite to break off a conversation like that,” she thought to herself. If I _____ older, I would explain to that lady how to talk to people politely.”

THIRD

COULDN'T

IS WALKING

WAS COVERED

WOULD HELP

WOMEN

WILL CALL

COMES

WAS/WERE



Anna was glad that the academic year was about to finish. Like most _____ she was looking forward to the summer but not because she wanted to relax.

Her plans _____ ambitious. Anna wanted to buy a professional digital camera and it wasn't easy to save enough money.

Anna had already chosen the model she wanted. Her dad said that he _____ her the camera in a couple of years.

But Anna _____ wait so long, she needed it right then.

"If I _____ it now, I would be able to take part in the Professional Photograph Competition.

Everyone says I've got talent," she said to herself, looking at the magazine where an article about the competition _____.

While she was reading the article for the _____ time, a brilliant idea came to her – why not take up a summer job as a photographer?

She reached for the phone and dialed the number of the _____ photography agency in the town.

"Hello, can I help you?" the woman's voice sounded encouraging and Anna _____ that she probably had a chance.

CHILDREN

WERE

WOULD GIVE

COULD NOT

HAD

WAS PUBLISHED

SECOND

LARGEST

THOUGHT



Bella was a good student. She _____ learning but she always started to feel very nervous when she had to write tests.

That Monday _____ a lucky day for her and she realised it as soon as she came into the classroom.

“Oh, no! I _____ all my pens at home.” She turned to Jenny: “Have you got a spare pen?”

“Let _____ see,” Jenny opened her bag and pulled out a pen. “I’ve got this one. But it’s green.”

“Give it to me anyway,” Bella said. “If I don’t find a proper pen, I _____ in green ink. I hope it won’t affect my grades.”

When the teacher handed out the tests, Bella felt even _____ than she had felt before.

The test was really long – the tasks _____ on both sides of the page!

Bella did the first task quickly, but the _____ one was a real problem. Bella got panicky.

Time ticked on but she _____ concentrate on the tasks.

ENJOYED

WASN'T

HAVE LEFT

ME

WILL WRITE

WORSE

WERE PRINTED

SECOND

COULDN'T



It was late at night but the light was on in Ted's room. When I _____ in, he didn't even turn to me.

I looked at his monitor and realized that he _____ the Internet for job vacancies.

"Why do you need a job?" I asked. "You _____ by Mr. Green only a week ago as far as I remember."

"Yes, I was. I got a job of a waiter in his restaurant. But I _____ that job already. They said I was rude to a client."

"Were you?" I was surprised since Ted was the _____ and tolerant person I'd ever met.

"Yes, it was probably rude of _____ to tell those ladies that I wouldn't bring them anything else. Just imagine - they had changed their order three times!

Each time they tried a dish, they _____ it.

When they said that for the _____ time, I lost control.

One of the _____ called for the manager and complained." Ted nervously turned back to his computer. "I didn't like that job anyway."

CAME

WASSURFING

WEREEMPLOYED

HAVELOST

MOSTPATIENT

ME

DIDNOTLIKE

FOURTH

WOMEN



Emma lived in a big city and worked for a large company. Her days were usually very busy – she _____ hardly find half an hour for lunch.

However, at weekends she _____ bored and lonely.

Emma had moved to the city because of her job. Only two months before she had thought she was the _____ girl in the world.

She had a job most of her friends could only dream about. It was her _____ full-time job.

The company _____ ‘Imagination’. They focused on Internet technologies.

Emma _____ much about the Internet but her boss said that it didn’t matter.

He also said that she _____ creative and had imagination and that was why she had a good chance of succeeding in the job.

When Emma told her friend, Lucy Pitt, about the new job, Lucy said:

“I’m very happy that you _____ a good job. But I also feel very sad about it because you’ll go to the city and will forget about your friends.”

“I wish we could always be together but it’s impossible,” Emma said. “I promise that I _____ to visit you as soon as I can.”

COULD

FELT

LUCKIEST

FIRST

WASCALLED

DIDNOTKNOW

WAS

HAVEFOUND

WILLCOME



Kate called me early in the morning. It was the _____ day of holidays; I felt angry with her for waking me up.

“What _____?” I didn’t sound very polite, but she paid no attention to that.

“Oh, nothing! I want to go shopping today and wondered if you wanted to go with _____.”

“No, I don’t want to”.

“But it _____ you long! I promise”.

My first impulse was to say “no” – unlike most _____ I hated shopping. But Kate sounded so unhappy that I felt sorry for her.

“Ok, what do you need to buy?”

Kate’s voice _____ cheerful again.

She excitedly explained to me that she _____ to buy a pair of hiking boots and a raincoat.

That _____ strange as Kate had never been fond of hiking.

“I want to take up hiking as a new hobby,” went on Kate. “Bob Smith says that it’s very exciting.”

Now I knew what was going on. Bob Smith, the captain of the school baseball team, was the _____ boy in our school. All the girls wanted to attract his attention.

SECOND

**HAPPENED/
HASHAPPENED**

ME

WILLNOTTAKE

WOMEN

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MOSTPOPULAR



When you look at this lovely house in the Welsh countryside, you may think it's a picture from J.R.R. Tolkien's book 'The Hobbit'. In fact it's a real house designed by a real person. When _____ first son was born, Simon Dale's wife, Jasmine, said:

"I wish we _____ in the country. It would be so good for the baby".

However, they _____ enough money to buy or rent a house in the country so they decided to take matters into their own hands.

The house _____ by Simon himself, with a bit of help from his friends. The result is impressive.

The home is made of natural materials, such as wood, stone and mud. It uses solar panels for energy and its water _____ from a nearby spring.

It took Simon four months to complete his fairytale home. He managed to create a modern wooden eco-home – one of the _____ houses you can imagine.

Simon Dale said, "I _____ working on a new house of the same eco-style.

My _____ house will be smarter than the first one.

My son _____ five now and I hope to celebrate his tenth birthday in a new house."

THEIR

LIVED

DIDNOTHAVE

WASBUILT

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MOSTWONDERFUL

HAVESTARTED

SECOND

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Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood were our neighbours. They had two _____.

Their son Michael _____ from the other children very much, but their daughter Matilda was a brilliant child.

By the time she was five, Matilda was able to read very well. She studied every magazine and newspaper that she _____ find around the house.

Actually, she could read _____ than most school pupils.

One afternoon when the parents were out of the house, Matilda put on _____ dress and shoes and went to the library.

The librarian was surprised to see such a small child. "Are you here for the _____ time? Would you like me to find a nice book with lots of pictures for you?" she asked.

"No, thank you, I _____ what I need," answered Matilda showing a thick book of fairy tales.

Then she added, "I _____ for a new book as soon as I finish this one".

The librarian was really shocked when she saw Matilda only two days later.

"I wish all children _____ reading so much," the librarian said. From that day on Matilda went to the library every afternoon.

CHILDREN

DIDNOTDIFFER

COULD

BETTER

HER

FIRST

HAVEFOUND

WILLCOME

LIKED



Tim woke up later than usual. It was Sunday and he _____ lots of plans for the day.

He was in the bathroom cleaning his _____ when he heard some unfamiliar voices from the veranda.

“Who could they be?” Tim _____.

When he came into the room, his mum and two other women _____ happily and didn't notice him.

Tim coughed to attract _____ attention.

“Oh, Tim, you're up already!” his mother sounded excited. “Meet my school friends, Linda and Emma.” Linda shook his hand, Emma smiled and said: “We _____ happy to meet you, Tim.”

Your mum showed us your photo, but you are much _____ there. Join us for tea.

I wish we _____ talk about our school days for ages, but we have some other business to discuss with your mother. It's going to be interesting for you, too.”

Tim sat the table. Emma had some papers in her hands but Tim couldn't read what _____ there – the letters were too small.

HAD

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THOUGHT

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THEIR

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YOUNGER

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Linda was looking forward to her holidays. First of all, she _____ really tired from school and wanted to have a break.

The _____ reason was that they were going to take a trip to the mountains.

Linda enjoyed it very much when they went somewhere all together as a family. They _____ it very often since her parents were very busy people.

Linda _____ ski but the prospect didn't scare her.

She learnt everything very quickly, especially when her father taught _____.

He was the _____ teacher in the world!

"I _____ special sunglasses for skiing," Linda boasted to her father. "Have a look! Nice, aren't they?"

"They are," he gave Linda a quick look and turned back to his computer. He _____ a presentation or something else equally important.

Linda could see diagrams on the screen. They _____ in different colours which made them look complicated.

FELT

SECOND

DIDNOTDO

COULDNOT

HER

BEST

HAVEBOUGHT

WASPREPARING

WEREDRAWN



Paul was going to be late for his morning class again. He _____ why it happened to him so often.

This was going to be the _____ time in one week and that was too much even for Mrs Pitt.

She was the _____ teacher in the world but Paul wasn't sure that she would forgive him again.

“If I don't invent a very good excuse, she _____ my parents.” Paul thought.

His parents _____ very strict people but they didn't approve of Paul's habit of playing computer games till late at night.

As a result, he couldn't make _____ get up in the morning and was regularly late for school.

Paul quietly opened the door and _____ into the classroom.

His classmates _____ something in their notepads and didn't pay any attention to him.

Mrs Pitt looked at him and said in a flat voice: “You are late again, Paul. What _____?”

Paul was not ready with an answer.

DIDNOTUNDERSTAND

THIRD

KINDEST

WILLCALL

WERENOT

HIMSELF

WENT

WEREWITING

**HAPPENED/
HASHAPPENED**



Dana Miller was a bus driver in the city of Philadelphia. Her working hours _____ from 10.00 pm till 6.00 am.

It was a hard job and very few _____ worked as bus drivers in those days but Dana loved her job very much.

One of her regular passengers was a guitar player. Every Friday night he got on the bus carrying his guitar. The guitar _____ of wood, not plastic, and Dana liked the way it sounded.

“You should come to see our show,” the guitarist kept saying to Dana.

“I _____ it one day,” Dana promised each time,

but she never said when exactly she _____. Another passenger who often used Dana’s bus was a Biscuit Lady.

She worked at the biscuit factory and often _____ Dana a small bag of biscuits.

Dana _____ sweets and pastries very much, but she could never resist those biscuits – they were so fresh and tasty.

“How was _____ night?” Dana’s husband liked to ask her when she came home.

“Good music, good food and a great view of the city,” she cheerfully answered.

“I wish I _____ my work as much as you enjoy yours,” her husband said,

“ but I’m going to have just another boring day at the office.”

WERE

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DIDNOTLIKE

YOUR

ENJOYED



Stonehenge is an ancient monument in south-west England. For me, it's the _____ place I've ever visited.

I clearly remember my _____ visit to Stonehenge with my aunt and uncle.

They lived nearby and I often _____ to stay with them for my summer holidays.

On the day of _____ trip the weather was fine.

There _____ a cool wind blowing, the sun was bright in the sky and Stonehenge looked calm and magical. In those days it was possible to walk among the stones and even touch them.

It's very different now. Stonehenge _____ more crowded that it was.

As a result, now people _____ to walk around the monument but they can't come up very close to it.

Today I wish I _____ an opportunity to get inside the circle again but unfortunately it is not possible any more.

The Stonehandge mystery is still unexplained but I believe scientists _____ it in the near future.

MOSTINTERESTING

FIRST

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AREALLOWED

HAD

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Most adults miss their childhood. Your school years are the _____ years of your life, they say.

Just recently, while I was on my way to work, I started thinking back to my own school years. They probably were not trouble-free but there _____ many reasons for us to feel happy at school.

One of them was spending every single day with friends. We _____ tired of being together.

The _____ one was uniform. Yes, in my opinion, the school uniform had more advantages than disadvantages.

_____ was dark green. It was unfashionable but comfortable.

It _____ of natural materials. Besides, the uniform saved a lot of time in the mornings.

Now it _____ me hours to decide what to wear.

Another thing is that I don't really like sport. But at school we _____ football, netball, hockey and so on. Sport was compulsory. Now I realise that this was a good thing!

And of course there were ...holidays! Christmas, Easter, half-term, and the jackpot – the summer holidays. I wish I _____ as much free time now.

BEST

WERE

DIDNOTGET

SECOND

MINE

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Dad usually comes up with original ideas. Last Sunday Dad _____ that we should all go on a camping trip.

The idea came to him while he _____ an article about camping. The article said that camping brings families together.

“Not true”, I smiled. “What about television? It usually _____ families to feel a lot more united.”

“If the weather is fine, we _____ on a trip next weekend,” Dad said and put his magazine on the coffee table.

I quickly looked over at my _____ brother, Paul.

He gave me a knowing smile, “Do you remember _____ last trip?”

I certainly did. Last summer Dad told us that fishing would be a great family activity. We bought four expensive fishing rods and drove for three long hours to a big lake in Virginia. When we got there, we discovered that we _____ to take the fishing rods.

Ten minutes later we made another unpleasant discovery: we _____ the tent which meant we couldn't stay overnight and we had to drive all the way back home again.

We _____ tired and disappointed with the trip.

DECIDED

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DIDNOTHAVE

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It was Friday evening. Liz was looking forward to Saturday because it was her husband's birthday. She had been preparing for this event for a long time. She had invited _____ college friends and they were all coming from different cities.

The best part was that Carlos, her husband, _____ anything about the arrangements. It was going to be a surprise.

Liz _____ sandwiches when Carlos came into the kitchen.

“Look , darling,” he said, “I know it's my birthday tomorrow but I don't want to do anything special for it.” Liz thought, “I wish I _____ cancel the party but I can't – it's too late.

The party will take place anyway and it will be the _____ party ever”.

When Carlos came home on Saturday, there _____ lots of people there.

Carlos _____ them that he felt very happy to see them all and it was true!

The guests enjoyed the dinner and then Liz brought in a cake. The cake _____ with chocolates and jellies, and it had as many candles as the number of years Carlos had reached that day.

Carlos couldn't blow them out on the _____ try and his friends were delighted to help him.

THEIR

DIDNOTKNOW

WASMAKING

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BEST

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TOLD

WASDECORATED

FIRST



After school, I decided to go to university. I _____ St Andrews University in Scotland.

At that time I _____ much about the University but when I arrived there, I liked it at once.

Now I'm in my last year and I wish I _____ stay here forever!

St Andrews University is a truly special place. It _____ 600 years ago and it is one of the oldest universities in the English-speaking world.

It has many traditions – for example, the ‘May Dip’. It is held on the _____ of May every year.

All the students run into the North Sea at sunrise to celebrate the coming of spring and for good luck! One of my classmates said that the tradition _____ him to pass his exams last summer.

For me the ‘May Dip’ was the _____ experience of my life!

Because the weather is famously cold, St Andrews students designed _____ own uniform which consists of a warm jacket, jeans and boat shoes.

The uniform _____ us all look the same, but it is the only way to keep warm!

CHOSE

DIDNOTKNOW

COULD

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It was a cold January day in York, Pennsylvania. Dr. James turned on the television to check on the weather. The weatherman said that it was going to stay cold for several days. According to him, the roads _____ very dangerous because of the snow and ice and he strongly recommended staying at home if at all possible.

Dr. James _____ stay at home. He worked in a hospital and there were patients waiting for him there.

He put on a sweater, jacket, gloves, boots and a hat, and opened his front door. Everything _____ with snow. A cold wind blew inside.

“Wow,” Dr. James said. “The weatherman was right! I wish I _____ a reindeer instead of my old car.”

When Dr. James _____ slowly to work, he saw an accident.

He stopped and _____ to the damaged car.

There was a man and two _____ inside.

“Is everyone okay?” Dr. James asked.

“Yes, yes, we are fine,” answered the man. “I _____ 911 already.

They are coming to help _____. It looks like we won’t get to school today.”

WERE

COULDN'T

WAS COVERED

HAD

WAS DRIVING

RAN

CHILDREN

HAVE CALLED

US



Martin was in a hurry as he had to be in the office as soon as possible. His boss _____ it when anyone missed the morning meetings and Martin had already been late several times that week.

His boss had warned him: "If you are late again, you _____ your job."

Martin was afraid of losing his job. His colleagues were nice to him, the salary was good and he sometimes _____ on business trips abroad.

It was actually the _____ job he had ever had.

He ran out of the house, jumped into his car and backed up without looking. BOOM! There _____ a sound like someone hitting a drum. Martin had hit the car behind him.

"Oh, no!" Martin exclaimed.

Martin glanced at his watch. It was 7:18. He looked around. There were no _____ on the street and he decided to drive off quickly.

It took _____ 20 minutes to get to work.

The boss was not around. "Thank goodness," Martin said to himself and sat down at his desk to work. The boss arrived an hour later. "Somebody hit my car and left without leaving a note," he said angrily. "I wish I _____ who he was.

My car was absolutely new! It _____ only a week ago."

Martin went up to the window, saw the car and understood that he would lose his job anyway.

DIDNOTLIKE

WILLOSE

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BEST

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POLICEMEN

HIM

KNEW

WASBOUGHT



Tracey was very unhappy and scared. She was starting a new school.

“I _____ to go to school today,” Tracey told her father.

“I understand, Tracey,” he said. “Starting a new school can be very difficult. But you have to.” A month before _____ family had moved to a new town and everything was still new and strange for Tracey.

Dad smoothed Tracey’s hair down and _____ her a little hug,

“When your classes _____ over, I’ll pick you up, ok?”

When Tracey got to school and looked at the big building, she thought, “I wish I _____ run away,” but she knew it was impossible.

She took a deep breath and walked up the steps to school. She went straight into her _____ grade classroom.

“That must be Tracey,” “Hello, Tracey!”, “Welcome, Tracey!” the _____ in the room welcomed her.

Everyone seemed friendly and Tracey felt a little _____.

The father picked her up after school. “How was your day?” he asked. To his surprise Tracey answered that she _____ her new school.

“You are a brave girl,” her father said. “I’m proud of you.”

DONOTWANT

THEIR

GAVE

ARE

COULD

FIFTH

CHILDREN

BETTER

LIKED



Jane liked going to the park with her mum. One day when they were there, she said, “There is so much rubbish on the ground.” They looked around. There were old _____, waste paper and cans on the ground.

Several benches _____.

“You are right,” her mum said. “I wish people _____ about the environment more.”

“I do care about it but I _____ what I can do to help the park,” said Jane.

Jane and her mum went home. In the evening she painted a picture of the park. At the top of the picture she _____ “PLEASE KEEP ME CLEAN”.

The next day Jane and her mum went to the park _____ than usual. Jane taped her picture onto a big rubbish bin and started picking up rubbish.

Some children ran over to see what was going on. They decided to help Jane. Soon all the rubbish was in the bags. “Good job,” Jane said, “We _____ half of the park.

If we come and complete the other part tomorrow, the whole park _____ clean and tidy.

I hope people won’t throw _____ rubbish here any more.”

BOXES

WEREBROKEN

CARED

DONOTKNOW

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EARLIER

HAVECLEANED

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THEIR



It was early morning. Ben jumped out of his bed as soon as the _____ rays of sun came into the room. He grabbed his backpack and started to pack.

Ben put in some of his favourite things to take with _____ on the trip to Grandpa's. He put in his favourite book, his kite and his teddy bear.

Soon everything _____ and he started to get dressed.

Visiting Grandpa had always been the _____ part of his summer vacation.

Together, they went fishing and watched football matches. Grandpa _____ him how to repair bikes and other things.

Ben's mum entered his room. "Grandpa's here," she said with a smile. Ben told her that he _____ ready to go.

He grabbed his backpack and ran into the kitchen where Grandpa _____ his tea.

"Ready, big guy?" asked Grandpa. "Will you have breakfast before we leave?"

"No, I _____ hungry", Ben answered, "I'll have breakfast at your place.

Grandma _____ something nice for me, hasn't she?"

FIRST

HIM

WASPACKED

BEST

TAUGHT

WAS

WASDRINKING

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HASCOOKED



I was sitting in an arm-chair and watching my sister Alison. She was getting ready for a party. Alison was 15 years _____ than me and she always treated me like a child.

Alison took her jewellery box from the table. The box _____ of wood and had colourful stones on the top. "You know you must never touch it, right?" Alison said.

"If the box was mine, I _____ you to touch it whenever you wanted," I answered. Alison said nothing to that.

When she put on her jewellery, she looked like a princess. She moved gracefully as if her _____ didn't touch the ground.

Alison kissed me goodnight and left. I tried to resist my curiosity but I _____. I opened the box.

There _____ lots of rings, ear-rings, bracelets and necklaces inside. I got them all out.

The _____ piece of jewellery I tried on was a silver necklace. After that I lost track of time.

Suddenly I _____ Alison. She was standing at the doorway and looking at me angrily.

I _____ what to say.

Many years have passed since that night. Now I am a designer – I create clothes and accessories. My sister likes my work very much.

OLDER

WASMADE

WOULDALLOW

FEET

COULDNOT

WERE

FIRST

SAW

DIDNOTKNOW



The phone rang in Clark Taylor's house at nearly three in the morning. He answered it only after the _____ ring. "Hello," Clark said in a sleepy voice.

"Mr Taylor. Thank goodness. I need your help."
Clark definitely _____ the voice.

However, he was sleepy and _____ remember who it was.

"Mr. Taylor!" the man said. "I am in trouble. The police allowed me only one phone call. And I am calling you." Then, the fog cleared. Although nearly ten years had passed since _____ last meeting, Clark was able to recognise the voice.

It belonged to Martin Hall, one of the _____ math students he had ever had.

"Martin, what's happened? Where are you?" Clark asked.

"In the police station. I _____ at the railway station two hours ago. I was going to a conference.

The police mistook me for another person. The irony is that I really do look like the criminal that they are looking for. Besides that, I _____ my ID card and I can't prove who I am. You are the only person in this town who knows me. Can you help me?"
Martin Hall asked.

"If you give me the address, I _____ at once," Clark said, jumping up of the bed.

It was not difficult for him to prove that Martin Hall was his former student. Clark brought a scientific journal with Martin's article and a photo of him. The _____ were surprised to find out that their prisoner was a capable young scientist.

FIFTH

KNEW

COULDN'T

THEIR

BRIGHTEST

WAS ARRESTED

HAVE LOST

WILL COME

POLICEMEN



But today's standards, my mobile phone is pretty basic. It's a Nokia. It's a small device that receives telephone calls and sends text messages. Other than that, my phone _____ much.

Most of my friends wish they _____ smartphones because they are cool and trendy.

They say the _____ thing about a smartphone is that you 'can do everything with it!'

That's right, smartphones have many more functions than a simple phone, however, not all of them are needed. In everyday life, smartphones _____ mainly for checking social networking sites, replying to emails, and playing games.

Grown-ups as well as _____ like playing games.

Anyway, I prefer my good old Nokia. It's my _____ mobile phone.

When I bought it, it didn't cost _____ very much. And I am not afraid anyone will ever steal it.

It's also very reliable. Yesterday I dropped it. It _____ down the staircase and hit the wall.

I thought that _____ the end of it. But nothing of the kind - it still works properly!

DOESNOTDO

HAD

BEST

AREUSED

CHILDREN

FIRST

ME

FLEW

WAS



Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. This story happened to _____ when they had to leave their home city, London, during the war.

They _____ to the house of an old Professor who lived in the country, ten miles from the nearest railway station.

He _____ a wife and he lived in a very large house with a housekeeper.

He himself was a very old man with white hair which grew over most of his face as well as on his head. The children liked him almost at once. Only Lucy, who was the _____ of them, felt a little afraid of him.

On their _____ evening, after dinner, they said good night to the Professor and went upstairs. It was the largest house they had ever seen, so Peter suggested exploring it in the morning.

When the next morning came, there was a steady rain falling.
"I wish the weather _____ more cheerful!" said Edmund.

"Stop complaining, Ed," said Susan. "I think the weather _____ soon."

"We were going to explore the house," Peter reminded them. He _____ a sandwich at the moment and was absolutely happy with the whole situation.

Everyone nodded and at that point their amazing adventures _____.

THEM

WERESENT

DIDNOTHAVE

YOUNGEST

FIRST

WAS

WILLIMPROVE

WASEATING

BEGAN



I come from England but now I live permanently in Quebec, Canada. When my parents _____ me to Canada, I was fifteen.

It was winter and I _____ by the amount of snow there.

I asked my new friends what they usually _____ for entertainment in such a cold climate.

Their answer was simple, “In winter _____ and adults go skiing and skating.” Before arriving in Canada I had never tried skating and my Canadian ice experience was really painful.

To start with, it took _____ half an hour to put on the skates.

I _____ how to move so my new friends showed me some basic techniques.

However, when I was left alone on the ice, I _____ over immediately. When I opened my eyes, my new friends were standing around. They weren't laughing, they looked worried.

“Are you OK?” they asked.

“Fine,” I said, “I wish I _____ skate as easily as you do.”

“You definitely will,” they smiled. And they were right. By the end of my _____ winter in Canada, I felt confident on the ice. More than that, I found out that skating was a really exciting activity!

BROUGHT

WASIMPRESSED

DID

CHILDREN

ME

DIDNOTKNOW

FELL

COULD

FIRST



School was finally over and I was about to enjoy my holidays. I was going to stay with my Aunt Helen, who lived in California. I thought that visiting _____ would be great fun, but I felt nervous and scared.

When my mum _____ me to the airport, she noticed that something was wrong with me.

“Are you all right?” she asked. “You’re afraid of flying, aren’t you?”

“I _____ you to notice. Yes, I’m a bit scared. Sorry.”

“There _____ nothing to be sorry about! It’s natural to feel nervous before your first flight.

I wish I _____ go with you, but you know that I can’t.”

It was true. My mum was the _____ woman in the world.

“I’m fine, Mum. Don’t worry.” I tried to sound calm. “I _____ you as soon as we land.”

The plane _____ off smoothly. The pilot informed the passengers about the details of the flight.

Then we _____ refreshing drinks. I had some orange juice and closed my eyes.

HER

WASDRIVING

DIDNOTWANT

IS

COULD

BUSIEST

WILLCALL

TOOK

WEREOFFERED



Harry's class was going on an excursion to the firehouse. Harry _____ proud because his Uncle Jim, a fireman, was going to show the children around the place.

Naturally, the first thing Harry's classmates wanted to see was the huge fire truck. There _____ eight vehicles at the firehouse at that moment. Uncle Jim explained how the trucks got water and even let the kids get inside the truck.

"Have you ever fought a fire _____?" a red-haired boy asked.

"Yes, many times, unfortunately," Uncle Jim answered. "I wish people _____ more responsibly when they used electrical devices at home or had picnics outdoors.

But they often _____ anything can happen to them.

Please remember that you _____ make fires in the woods.

There is dry grass and dry _____ on the ground. They start to burn very easily.

And there is nothing _____ than forest fires!"

The children promised not to make any fires in the woods and Uncle Jim went on with the tour. He _____ them the fire alarm equipment, when a siren started wailing....

FELT

WERE

YOURSELF

BEHAVED

DONOTHINK

MUSTNOT

LEAVES

MOREDANGEROUS

WASSHOWING



Judy was afraid of the dark. At night she always _____ the lights on.

Judy couldn't explain what exactly she was afraid of. She _____ in monsters or in ghosts.

She was one of those rare girls who never screamed when she saw spiders, _____ and frogs.

“But everyone in her family knew that a dark room was the _____ of her fears.

One day, when Judy _____ something in her room, her mother came in holding a big shopping bag.

“Guess what I _____,” she said to Judy.

“I have no idea. Is it for _____?” Judy felt very curious about the bag.

Her mother pulled two packages from her shopping bag. In the first package there were some very nice slippers. They _____ from soft, pink fabric and had bright flashing lights. Inside the second package were glow-in-the-dark pyjamas!

Judy said she _____ to try them on immediately.

Amazingly, she felt safe all through the night. In a few days the lights stopped flashing but Judy realised she didn't feel afraid of the dark any more.

LEFT

DIDNOTBELIEVE

MICE

WORST

WASDRAWING

HAVEBOUGHT

ME

WEREMADE

WANTED



Kathy looked at her new room's white walls.

"They're so plain."

"Don't worry," Dad said, "If you don't like them, we _____ the walls any colour you like."

"Do you want pink?" Mum suggested. Kathy _____ her head.

"No, pink is either for _____ or for silly girls who like Barbie dolls. I'm neither of those."

Her parents smiled but _____ anything.

"But what colour to choose? I wish we _____ ask a designer for professional advice," said Kathy.

"Oh, no! It's out of the question!" said Kathy's mother, firmly. A designer's advice is much _____ than we can afford."

"Ok. It was just an idea."

"Getting back to the wall colour, why not make your room yellow or orange?" Dad suggested. "When the walls _____ in those colours, the room will look cheerful."

"Yes!" Kathy definitely liked the idea. "We'll make three walls yellow, but the _____ one will be orange."

The next day, when Kathy came back from school, her Dad said: "Look what I _____." There were paints and brushes on the floor.

"Everything's ready for us to start." He smiled and handed Kathy the brush.

WILLMAKE

SHOOK

BABIES

DIDNOTSAY

COULD

MOREEXPENSIVE

AREPAINTED

FOURTH

HAVEBOUGHT



It was the middle of November and Tina felt down and depressed. Late autumn was the _____ season of the year.

It often _____, and Tina had to spend most of her time indoors. Because of this, she really welcomed the changes in her school routine. The school administration introduced a new class - a dance class.

But not everyone was happy! The boys said that it _____ a waste of time.

They often missed the class and, when they attended, they _____ to the teacher's instructions but tried to make fun of everything.

"I wish we _____ a class for girls only," Tina thought.

The Junior Dance Competition _____ in their town every year. It was a spectacular show.

"Your dancing _____ every day," the teacher said one day.

"If you go on like this, you _____ a chance to take part in the Dance Competition next month."

Tina imagined herself wearing a beautiful dress and elegant shoes on her _____. She decided it was something she'd like to try.

WORST

RAINED

WAS

DIDNOTLISTEN

HAD

WASHELD

ISIMPROVING

WILLHAVE

FEET



Veronica loved autumn. It was her favourite season. There were many good things about it. She loved the smells, the changing _____, and the cool breezes.

There _____ also apple pies, apple doughnuts and pumpkin pies.

For Veronica, pumpkin pies were the _____, especially when her mother cooked them.

Veronica had never tried to make a pie _____, but she knew how, as she had seen how her mother made it many times.

One day, on her way from school, Veronica _____ a pumpkin and decided to cook it. She tried to do everything the same way her mother usually did.

Veronica was in the kitchen and _____ the door bell. Her mother had to use her key to enter the house.

“Who _____ a pie?” her mother asked. “I can smell it. How soon is it going to be ready? I’m very hungry.”

When the pie was ready, Veronica put it on the table. The pie looked nice: it _____ with nuts and coloured sugar.

Veronica’s mother had a large piece. She smiled and said that she _____ it very much.

LEAVES

WERE

BEST

HERSELF

BOUGHT

DIDNOTHEAR

ISMAKING

WASDECORATED

LIKED



When I was at school, I spent summers at my grandfather's. They were the _____ holidays I've ever had. Grandpa lived alone in a country cottage near a small river.

Grandpa's hobby was making birdhouses. He always said that he _____ a hobby to fill his free time.

Grandpa's workshop was full of all kinds of tools. There _____ a big table, hammers, nails, paints, and what not.

And all the tools _____ carefully in their places.

That was Grandpa's number one rule. The _____ rule was, "Never buy a new tool if the old one still works."

In the workshop, when he _____ the birdhouses, I asked him lots of questions about birds.

He _____ a lot about them! He could tell one bird from another by their songs and footprints.

I was surprised that Grandpa _____ the birdhouses in bright colours.

He explained to _____ that birds prefer natural colours that make their houses more difficult to notice and, for that reason, safer.

BEST

NEEDED

WAS

WERE KEPT

SECOND

WAS MAKING

KNEW

DID NOT PAINT

ME



Susan's father often had to go to different countries on business. That evening, he came home _____ than usual.

He looked tired. Susan _____ that the next week her father was going to China to discuss a new project.

At dinner, her father asked Susan if she _____ to go with him. It was a bit unexpected but Susan liked the idea at once.

It was her _____ birthday in a few days.

And Susan thought it _____ fun to celebrate it abroad.

However, there was one thing she wanted to clear up before the trip: "Are you going to be busy from morning till night? I _____ to sit in the hotel all the time alone."

"You won't have to," her father reassured Susan. "I _____ all the project papers already. So, while our partners are studying them, we'll have plenty of time for sightseeing."

"Great!" Susan ran up to her room to pack.

"Remember to take some comfortable shoes. Otherwise your _____ will hurt after the long excursions." Her father's advice was always practical.

Half an hour later everything _____ in a suitcase and Susan called her best friend to tell her the news.

LATER

KNEW

WANTED

SIXTEENTH

WOULDBE

DONOTWANT

HAVEPREPARED

FEET

WASPACKED



Tim liked going to the zoo. One day his mother said:

“We’re going to a different place today, Tim. It’s an animal shelter. I’m sure you _____ it.”

The place was much _____ than a zoo, but clean and well kept. There were volunteers in special uniforms. One of them showed Tim and his mum round the shelter.

Lots of animals _____ there.

Cats and dogs made up most of the population, but there were also horses, monkeys, _____ and other animals.

Each of the animals had its own story written on a sign next to its cage or enclosure. All the stories were sad – the animals had either been abandoned by _____ owners or saved by the animal police from cruel treatment.

“If people _____ more responsible for their pets, we wouldn’t have so much work here,” the volunteer remarked.

“But unfortunately some people _____ that animals are not toys.”

Tim’s mother thanked the volunteer and _____ a donation. Shelters always needed money to pay for the animals’ food and medical care.

On the way home Tim told his mother that he _____ to go to the shelter again, not only to watch but also to help the volunteers.

WILL LIKE

SMALLER

WERE KEPT

FOXES

THEIR

WERE

DONOT UNDERSTAND

MADE

WANTED



July 17th was coming. It would be Mark's _____ birthday.

His Mum asked him what he _____ as a gift. Mark answered at once that his dream was to have a telescope to watch the stars.

Mum _____ her head doubtfully.

She knew that Mark enjoyed learning about space but a telescope was a _____ present than they had planned.

After dinner the parents had a discussion about the present.

"I think we should give Mark the telescope," Dad said.

"But we _____ all our savings already," Mum responded.

"We bought some new furniture and paid for our holidays. I wish we _____ buy him this present but we really can't."

"I think, we can," Dad smiled. "Look, I've got an old friend, Nick, whose father was interested in astronomy. His father died many years ago, and Nick keeps all his things in the attic. I think he _____ to sell us his telescope at half price."

Nick _____ roses in the garden when Mum and Dad arrived at his house.

"Yes, sure," he said. "There are lots of _____ in the attic. You can take whatever you want for Mark for free. I'm glad he's taking up my father's hobby."

THIRTEENTH

WANTED

SHOOK

MOREEXPENSIVE

HAVESPENT

COULD

WILLAGREE

WASPLANTING

BOXES



It was a hot summer day. Tom and his mum were heading to the beach. Tom was only wearing shorts and a pair of sandals on his _____ but he felt hot anyway.

When they came to the beach, they found out that the sea _____ calm – powerful waves were breaking on the shore.

Mum _____ in hesitation.

“It’s fine. I can easily swim in these waves,” Tom wanted to demonstrate his swimming skills. But his mother said that they _____ out of the water till the sea calmed down.

Sitting close to _____ was a boy about Tom’s age.

He was alone because his parents _____ to buy some sandwiches. He came over and said his name was Gary.

His shoulders _____ with protective suntan lotion, but they looked red anyway.

“It’s getting _____ every minute,” said Gary. “How about a swim?”

“No way,” Tom’s mother was definitely against the idea and Tom had to obey.

“As you like,” Gary said and headed to the water.

The _____ wave hit him hard and he lost his balance. Everything was happening very fast – Gary fell down and went under the water. Fortunately, Tom and his mother were close enough to get him out in time.

FEET

WASNOT

STOPPED

WOULDSTAY

THEM

HADLEFT

WERECOVERED

HOTTER

THIRD



A few years ago I was on a camping holiday in Bristol. There _____ lots of other girls from around the UK, but I was the only one from Scotland.

The camp _____ in the woods, not far from the river.

The camp life was even _____ than I had expected. We enjoyed all kinds of camping activities – sports and games, different shows and contests.

Everything was fine apart from one incident that took me aback.

Once, at lunchtime, when I _____ ice cream, one of the girls asked: “So, do you have ice cream in Scotland?”

I _____ how to react. My neighbour repeated her question.

I nodded, “Yes.”

My answer provoked a wave of absurd questions about my country:

“Have you ever seen a ghost in your castle?”

“Do all Scottish _____ wear checked skirts?”

I _____ out that some people believe silly stereotypes about Scotland.

They believe that Scots really carry bagpipes in _____ bags to play the instrument on the streets, and that Scots practise magic.

At last, the girls said that they _____ to Scotland one day to see it with their own eyes and to separate the truth from the myths.

WERE

WASLOCATED

MOREINTERESTING

WASEATING

DIDNOTKNOW

MEN

FOUND

THEIR

WOULDCOME



The academic term was coming to its end and Kate decided to arrange a party to celebrate the coming holidays. To be frank, there _____ one more reason for the party.

Kate wanted her classmates to meet someone from her family. She was sure it would impress _____ and would help her popularity.

Kate _____ sandwiches in the kitchen when Hugo came in.

“It looks like I’m the _____ guest, doesn’t it?” Hugo looked embarrassed.
“Sorry for coming so early.”

“Oh, it’s ok,” said Kate, “Come in! You _____ me in the kitchen, won’t you?”

“Sure,” Hugo entered the room and _____ in surprise. “Are you saying you made all this yourself?”

On the table there was a huge pie. It _____ with different fruit and looked fantastic.

“No,” Kate looked pleased with his reaction. “My cousin helped me. She _____ for the shop. She’ll be back any minute.

The front door opened and a girl entered. Hugo understood that he _____ her many times in different TV programmes for teenagers.

“A TV star?” Hugo sounded so silly that both girls burst out laughing.

WAS

THEM

WASMAKING

FIRST

WILLHELP

STOPPED

WASDECORATED

HASLEFT

HADSEEN



Cindy liked parks. She took long walks in the nearby park almost every day. Her classmates, however, _____ her interest and Cindy usually walked alone.

Cindy's parents worried that she _____ no friends.

"I wish you _____ more time with your classmates. Don't you feel bored in the park?"

"It's ok, Mum, I just feel much _____ alone than with people who can't understand me," Cindy usually answered. "Parks are a lot more fun to spend time in than hanging out in a shopping centre." And her mother didn't know what to say.

One day, Cindy returned from the park very excited.

"Guess, who I met in the park!" she said, and she told her parents the whole story. "I _____ along the central avenue when I saw a group of people.

They _____ students of the Biology faculty of the university.

They told _____ about the plan to rearrange the park.

A large lake is going to be made in the centre. There will be wild animals there like hares, squirrels and even _____.

Yesterday, the plan _____ by the City Council and work starts tomorrow. I want to join the volunteer team!"

DIDNOTSHARE

HAD

SPENT

BETTER

WASWALKING

WERE

ME

FOXES

WASAPPROVED



As a child, Steven lived in a village. Outside the village there was a house where a strange old woman and her granddaughter Eliza lived. The _____ often played together.

One day, Eliza _____ unusually sad. When Steven was about to leave, the old woman said, "I know you are friends. But never come to our house again. Never ever!"

The girl took the boy to the gate. "Will you miss me?" she asked. The boy said, "Yes, I will!" To his surprise, the girl said, "But I won't! I _____ to see you anymore!" She closed the gate.

The next day the girl _____ for the city.

Steven was upset but he hoped that one day he _____ Eliza again.

Five years later Steven became a student and moved to the city. He rented a small apartment on the _____ floor.

One day, when he _____ to the university, he saw Eliza. She was sitting on the bench in the park with an ice-cream in her hand. He ran up to her and said "Hello! It's nice to see you again!"

But Eliza looked up at _____, stood up and walked away.

"I wish I _____ what is going on," Steven said to himself, and decided to start his own investigation.

CHILDREN

WAS

DONOTWANT

LEFT

WOULDSEE

FIRST

WASWALKING

HIM

KNEW



Dylan had a very old car. It was 20 years old. But the faded paint made it look even _____ than that.

It _____ a shame to drive a car that looked like that and Dylan took it to a paint shop.

There the car _____ dark blue for \$200.

Dylan was very pleased with the new look. The only problem was that the car stereo _____ properly. Dylan managed to fix it himself.

Then one day Dylan had a new problem – petrol. He could smell it while he _____ his car. Dylan asked himself “Am I driving a bomb? Could the car explode at any minute?”

He knew the car manual by heart. He had car problems at least once a month, and he always found a way to fix _____ himself.

However, this time, it was a job for a mechanic. So he _____ his car to the closest service station.

The mechanic said they _____ the car to find out what the problem was. He told Dylan to come back in an hour. When Dylan came back, the mechanic said, "The problem is with the fuel pump. You need a new one. It costs \$400."

"Let me think about it. I _____ you a call when I decide what to do." But Dylan had already decided what to do.

OLDER

WAS

WASPAINTED

DIDNOTWORK

WASDRIVING

THEM

TOOK

WOULDTEST

WILLGIVE



Annie was waiting for her guests. Her birthday was on 25th December and she felt this was both lucky and unlucky. It _____ great to have her birthday on a special day like Christmas. But, on the other hand, very few of Annie's friends came to her party. Most of them had family plans for that day.

The doorbell _____ and her classmate, Brian, appeared. He had a plastic bag in his hand.

"Happy birthday, Annie!" Brian said and got an old oil lamp out of his bag. Annie _____ hide her surprise: "What's this? And where did you buy it?"

"A magic lamp. And I didn't buy it. It _____ in the attic of an old country house a year ago.

My friend found it when they _____ the house.

He says if you light the lamp and make a wish, the wish _____ true. It works particularly well with reasonable wishes that are not too big for the lamp. Its magic is not very strong."

Annie laughed aloud.

"I've never got a present _____ than this. Ok, let's test your lamp."

Annie lit it and said: "I wish the whole class would come to _____ party today".

As soon as she _____ it, the doorbell rang impatiently.

WAS

RANG

COULDN'T

WAS FOUND

WERE REPAIRING

WILL COME

MORE ORIGINAL

MY

SAID



Martin and Jane were shopping. They were in the _____ shopping centre in their city.

In fact, it was their favourite place because it was nice and not very expensive. The centre _____ *Dress for Less*.

Unlike most _____, Martin liked shopping.

Today he felt really happy because he _____ a shirt and a pair of jeans. Jane was still in the changing room so Martin had time for a cup of coffee in the lobby.

It was the first time Martin had had a good look at the building itself. The shopping centre building _____ impressive. The engineers had used advanced technologies to make it light, warm and spacious.

“Hi!” Martin _____ Jane’s voice.

“What are you having? Coffee? No, I _____ coffee. Never. It’s not good for your health.”

“Look, Jane, do you know the name of the architect of this building?” Martin interrupted her.

Jane looked puzzled. “I wish we _____ change our life a bit,” went on Martin.

“We probably spend too much time on things like shopping and miss more important things. When was the last time we visited a museum?”

Jane quietly sat down on the chair beside _____.

LARGEST

WASCALLED

MEN

HADBOUGHT

WAS

HEARD

DONOTDRINK

COULD

HIM



Tom woke up relatively early. But he _____ at once that he was not the first awake. There was somebody in the kitchen already.

Tom went out to inspect, and found that his dad was there – he _____ vegetables.

It was rather strange – everyone knew that dad _____ cooking.

“I wish I _____ what you are doing,” he said.

Dad gave _____ a smile and answered “Wait and see.”

He pulled out a juicing machine from the cupboard. Nobody had used it for ages and the machine _____ with a thin layer of dust. Tom’s dad washed it and turned it on.

Then he put a handful of carrots inside. Next he added cucumbers and _____.

Dad made three large cups of the stuff. He took one and drank it. He handed the _____ cup to Tom. To his surprise the juice tasted really good.

“You don’t eat enough vegetables,” his dad said. “If you don’t like eating them, you’ll probably like drinking them.” Tom nodded. It was definitely _____ than the stewed vegetables his mum cooked almost every day.

UNDERSTOOD

WASCUTTING

DIDNOTLIKE

KNEW

HIM

WASCOVERED

TOMATOES

SECOND

BETTER



The camel was very thirsty. His last drink had been weeks ago. His feet sank in the hot sand and he _____ hardly move.

"When will I reach water?" he thought. "And I _____ for ages."

It was obvious that if the camel didn't find any water and food soon, he_____.

He made a few steps toward another dune. It was _____ to walk along the top of a hill, than along the bottom.

At last he _____ something green in the distance. Was it a mirage or an oasis?

He hoped for the best and the hope helped _____ move faster.

Soon, that distant green colour turned into real trees and grass. There _____ a small stream of water and some palm trees that gave shade.

Their wide _____ could protect the camel from the sun's rays.

Though the sun _____, it didn't burn anymore. Unfortunately, it was impossible to stay there forever. A short rest and the camel had to move on towards his destination.

COULD

HAVENOTBEENEATING

WOULDDIE

EASIER

SAW

HIM

WAS

LEAVES

WASSHINING



Robbie's dog Roxy was smart. At least Robbie _____ so. Robbie had found him on a street. The puppy looked cold and unhappy.

Robbie took the puppy home and fortunately his mum _____ it.

One day Robbie saw the 'Dogs' contest' advert. According to it, all dogs that were able to perform tricks could participate.

"I wish Roxy _____ some tricks", Robbie thought. "But Roxy can't perform any."

He decided to take Roxy to the contest anyway, not as a participant but as a viewer.

When they arrived there _____ lots dogs on the contest ground.

The collars of some dogs _____ with medals.

The contest started, and the judge threw a ball.

Roxy suddenly pulled away from Robbie and began running fast. He was the _____ dog to catch the ball and he didn't forget to bring it back to the judge!

"The winner is the dog with no entry name on my list. Whose dog is this?" asked the judge.

"It's _____ dog." said Robbie. The judge handed Robbie a small symbolic medal and a certificate for free dog food.

"Congratulations! You _____!" said Robbie to Roxy and gave him a big hug.

"Let's go home and celebrate. Mum will be surprised when she _____ the news."

THOUGHT

DIDNOTMIND

KNEW

WERE

WEREDECORATED

FIRST

MY

HAVEWON

LEARNS



Most people love jokes. A good joke can break the ice and make the conversation enjoyable. My friend's hobby is collecting jokes. When he _____ a good joke, he writes it down on a special card.

The cards _____ in a box in his room.

When I visit _____, I never miss a chance to read a joke from his collection. Yesterday's joke was about famous detectives. Here it is.

One day Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went camping. They put up a tent, made a fire and had a good dinner of meat and _____.

That night, Holmes _____ up and asked: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see."

Watson said that he _____ millions of stars. "And what does it tell you?" Holmes went on his interrogation.

"Well, if we apply our deductive method, we'll come to several conclusions. Astronomically, there are billions of planets. My _____ conclusion is astrological – I observe Saturn in Leo.

And, meteorologically, it'll be a beautiful day tomorrow. I wish we _____ this kind of weather more often in this country. And what does the sky tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment and then said, "Someone _____ our tent!"

HEARS

AREKEPT

HIM

POTATOES

WOKE

SAW

SECOND

HAD

HASSTOLEN



This story happened long ago. My son was six and we lived in an old house near a large park. There _____ lots of people in the park at weekends and we enjoyed walking and playing there too.

One day, my son _____ an injured bird from the park.

It was a crow. Its wing _____ and the bird could not fly.

I didn't know what to do with the crow, but my son said that he _____ care of it.

“If you were a couple of years _____, you could manage it. But I doubt you can do it now,” I tried to talk him out of keeping the crow but finally agreed to take the bird home.

The next day we took the crow to the vet. The vet fixed and bandaged the wing and explained to _____ what medicines we should give to the bird.

“Ok,” he said, as we left, “I _____ everything I can. There's no need to bring this crow here any more.

The bird is young and strong, and I think it _____ soon. This is the good news. The bad news is that it will never be able to fly again.”

“We'll see,” my son _____ to agree with this fact too easily.

WERE

BROUGHT

**WASBROKEN/
(HADBEENBROKEN)**

WOULDTAKE

OLDER

US

HAVEDONE

WILLRECOVER

DIDNOTWANT



I remember my uncle Thomas very well. My mum says I can't because I was a little girl, only three at the time. But my memories of him are still very vivid.

Uncle Thomas was a sailor. When he returned from his last trip, he brought several large _____ with him.

Inside there _____ bits of wood, metal, and painted cloth.

“What is it for?” I asked my uncle. He _____ me a broad smile and said:

“Have your breakfast first and then come to the backyard.

You _____ everything with your own eyes.”

When I came to the backyard, Uncle Thomas _____ an instruction manual.

It took all his attention because the manual _____ in Spanish, a language my uncle didn't know very well.

All in all, it took _____ a couple of weeks to assemble the object from the parts.

To all my questions he said that it was a machine that _____ fly like a bird. I was probably the only one in the family who took his words seriously.

They could never believe that soon we were going to see one of the _____ airplane flights in the country.

BOXES

WERE

GAVE

WILLSEE

WASREADING

WASWRITTEN

HIM

COULD

FIRST



English, Welsh, Scottish...all these languages sound familiar. But I'm sure you _____ of Cornish.

I wish I _____ it, like my Granny does.

Cornish is a Celtic language, used in Cornwall, a county in south-west England. _____ ago, when the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, many Celts moved to the mountain areas.

Some Celts even _____ the country completely and settled in France.

Speakers of Cornish stayed in the south-west. There the language _____ until the late 1700s. But the number of speakers got smaller and the language almost disappeared.

At the beginning of the _____ century, academics became interested in Cornish and started to study the ancient texts. From those old documents they managed to restore the language!

Nowadays, if you visit Cornwall, you will hear a lot of it. The language is offered as an option in many universities, and students _____ choose to learn it.

Like I did. I think it's the _____ language I have ever learnt, but it's interesting and it sounds very nice.

I believe the Cornish language _____.

HAVENOTHEARD

KNEW

CENTURIES

LEFT

WASSPOKEN

TWENTIETH

THEMSELVES

MOSTDIFFICULT

WILLSURVIVE



In 2010, a terrible earthquake hit the Haitian city of Léogâne. It was the _____ of January, my birthday. It was a normal day in the morning.

I _____ for my party when the earthquake hit. My first thought was that everybody was going to die.

I _____ what was happening.

It was the _____ day of my life so far – I have never felt that scared!

After the earthquake I asked my wife:

"How are we going to go on living?"

"I have no idea", she said. "But we're lucky. Our house is still standing, and thousands of people lost everything, even their _____".

She was right. We had to help the others, so we decided to start a charitable fund. At first we _____ it the name of 'Hope' but then changed it.

Now our fund _____ 'Seeds for Change'.

We work with small farmers and provide people from rural areas with everything necessary for farming. They say it helps them a lot. Their gratitude is the best award for _____.

If we manage to involve more people in our fund, we _____ more impressive results in the future.

TWELFTH

WASPREPARING

DIDNOTUNDERSTAND

WORST

LIVES

GAVE

ISCALLED

US

WILLGET



Jenny loved climbing. It was a strange hobby for a girl and her family wanted her to stop it, but Jenny _____ to anybody.

"There are still several trees in the garden I haven't climbed yet," Jenny said. One day, she _____ the apple tree in the yard, when she suddenly slipped and fell down.

Jenny _____ a terrible pain and started to cry. Her mum came outside and saw that her hand was swollen and looked dark.

"I wish you _____ some other hobby!" she said.

"Jenny, please, promise _____ that you'll never do this silly climbing again!" Jenny nodded.

Her mother took Jenny to the doctor. It turned out that two of the bones _____.

For the _____ time Jenny had a cast on her arm, from her fingers down to her elbow.

For several weeks, Jenny had to have the cast on. It was a huge relief to get it off, finally. At last she could get back to her favourite _____ which were running, swimming, and climbing.

But now climbing was out – Jenny was determined to stick to her promise. "If I break my promise, mum _____ upset. And I don't want her to feel like this."

DIDNOTLISTEN

WASCLIMBING

FELT

HAD

ME

**WEREBROKEN/
HADBEENBROKEN**

FIRST

ACTIVITIES

WILLGET



When I was little, I loved reading books written by Roald Dahl. They were my favourite choice of bedtime story. When Mum asked me what book I wanted, I always _____ a book by Dahl.

Mum readily agreed. She said she _____ reading him too in spite of the fact that she was an adult and had a very serious job.

In those years there _____ lots of Dahl's books in our home library.

And to me he is still the best children's author of the _____ century.

Roald Dahl started as an adult writer. His first book _____ in 1942.

Later he began writing children's books. Many of the _____ are based on Dahl's own childhood memories.

Several of his books are now successful films, for example 'Matilda', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. I'm sure you _____ at least one of them!

When you shop for children's books, Dahl is the _____ choice. His books are entertaining and full of jokes.

Roald Dahl is an author that you can never grow tired of. Now I read his books to my son. He is too small yet and cannot read _____.

CHOSE

ENJOYED

WERE

TWENTIETH

WAS PUBLISHED

STORIES

HAVE SEEN

EASIEST

HIMSELF



I'm studying Italian in a summer school in Tuscany. I arrived a few days ago. It's my _____ trip to Italy.

I like this country very much though I _____ its main tourist attractions yet.

Actually it was my mum's idea to send me here. In her opinion Italy is the _____ country in the world.

And she also said that it _____ me improve my Italian in real-life communication.

Yesterday, while I _____ dinner in the cafeteria, four other students sat at the same table. We got acquainted. Two of them were Argentines, then a Russian and a Greek. A mix of cultures!

We started chatting in Italian, laughing, telling jokes and sharing our life _____. It was lots of fun. I even started to speak Spanish with the Argentines, and our sentences became a mixture of both Italian and Spanish.

But it did not matter at all! No problem. We easily _____ each other.

I wish all people _____ foreign languages. The more languages you know – the better.

Languages help _____ understand the culture and mentality of other people.

FIRST

HAVENOTSEEN

MOSTINTERESTING

WOULDHELP

WASHAVING

STORIES

UNDERSTOOD

SPOKE

US



Mike Fay is a famous biologist. He is well-known for his 2,000-mile walk across Africa. It _____ him 455 days.

His expedition started in 2001. It _____ to draw attention to the African forests. During his expedition Mike Fay made several films about the beauty of the forests.

He said they were the _____ natural sights he had ever seen.

His films _____ a success. Thanks to them the governments of several African countries agreed to create 13 national parks.

Mike commented that 26,000 square kilometres of the forest were saved for the future and for our _____.

At the moment Mike works for the National Geographic. Recently he _____ several projects for the magazine. His job involves lots of travelling, which is sometimes not very safe.

Not long ago, Mike came face to face with an elephant which attacked _____.
Mike was injured but luckily not seriously.

But danger could never stop Mike.

“I wish everyone _____ that life is a very delicate thing.

If we go on in the same irresponsible way, we _____ all life on the planet, and ourselves too”.

TOOK

WAS ORGANIZED

MOST WONDERFUL

WERE

CHILDREN

HAS COMPLETED

HIM

UNDERSTOOD

WILL KILL



A robot is a special kind of machine that follows the instructions coming from a computer. A robot _____ mistakes and it never gets tired.

Robots are all around _____. Robots make cars, explore dangerous places, clean things, answer telephone calls.

Some of them can even take care of _____ and elderly people.

If we didn't have robots, our life _____ less comfortable and more dangerous.

According to the dictionary, the word 'robot' _____ 'compulsory labour'.

The word 'robot' _____ for the first time in a science fiction play in 1920.

The robot from that play was a destructive machine that finally _____ the human race.

However, in real life, robots are still obedient to people. As for robots, the most enthusiastic nation is the Japanese. By now they _____ a quarter of the world's robots. And they have very ambitious plans for the future.

The Japanese engineers think that soon robots _____ 3,5 million workers in their country.

DOESNOTMAKE

US

CHILDREN

WOULDBE

MEANS

WASUSED

DESTROYED

HAVECREATED

WILLREPLACE



Lucky, a big black cat, went missing shortly after our family moved to a new house. He was curious and enjoyed exploring the environment. It often made us worry about _____.

Mum often said “I wish our Lucky _____ less curious. I feel better when he is in the house, safe and lazy.”

As we _____ keep him at home, we made him wear a special tag.

Our address _____ on it in large printed letters.

Mum said: “If one day Lucky gets missing, the tag _____ us find him”.

Lucky disappeared on the _____ day after moving house.

We looked for the cat everywhere. We asked all our new neighbours about him.

We even asked all the _____ in our district if they had seen him. But nobody had seen a cat that looked like our Lucky.

In the end, we _____ hope. Two weeks later I was passing by our old house. On the porch there was a cat that looked strikingly like Lucky. And it was Lucky!

I grabbed him and brought him home.

“Mum, look who I _____!” I cried to mum. “The new owner told me the cat had been waiting for us in our old house. Nobody could inform us about him because the address on the cat’s tag is our old address.”.

HIM

WAS

COULDN'T

WAS WRITTEN

WILL HELP

THIRD

POLICEMEN

LOST

HAVE FOUND



A few days ago Kim's family moved house. Kim had very mixed feelings about it. On the one hand, she _____ happy with her new room.

It was larger than the room she used to live in. Everything in this room _____ in Kim's favourite colours and according to her taste.

The flat was on the _____ floor in an old brick building.

From her window Kim could see the large garden, which now was covered with bright yellow _____, and the tiled roofs at a distance.

"I'd be very happy if I _____ here," Kim's friend, Jessica, said when she visited her for the first time.

"And how is your new school?" she asked, still admiring the fresh wallpapered walls with a few framed photos on _____.

"You _____ new friends there, right?"
These words made Kim feel nervous. "No, not yet." she answered.

Then she said that she _____ to her new school only the next Monday and that the school looked nice and modern and there was a swimming pool in it.

What Kim _____ her friend was that she was awfully afraid of going there and meeting her new classmates and teachers.

FELT

WASARRANGED

FIFTH

LEAVES

LIVED

THEM

HAVEMADE

WOULDGO

DIDNOTTELL



Jeff woke up late. The house was very quiet and Jeff _____ that he was alone there. He got up and headed to the kitchen.

There _____ nobody in it but he felt the delicious aroma of fresh baking.

A large bowl of doughnuts was on the table. It _____ with a white kitchen towel but Jeff could not resist it and pulled out a doughnut.

When he was consuming his _____ one, his grandmother appeared at the doorway.

She _____ light working trousers, a T-shirt, and an old straw hat.

Jeff guessed that she had been working on _____ roses, in the front garden.

“Fine, you _____ up at last!” said Granny, “But why are you still undressed? Go and wash and get dressed immediately!”

Jeff remembered that Granny had always been very strict about the morning routine. She never allowed her grandchildren to look untidy or avoid brushing their _____.

“Ok-ok, just a second,” laughed Jeff picking up another doughnut and retreating through the other door. “I _____ as soon as I am ready.”

UNDERSTOOD

WAS

WASCOVERED

FIFTH

WASWEARING

HER

HAVEWOKEN

TEETH

WILLCOME



My mum calls me Snow White. It was my _____ nickname but it stuck to me forever.

And it's not because I love the fairy tale about the princess and the seven dwarfs. It's because my skin is very sensitive and intolerant to the sun. Every time it is exposed to the sun's rays, it _____ red and swollen.

I can't really recognize _____ in the mirror.

Mum says that from my very early days I differed from all the other _____ around and needed special care.

Whenever we went for a walk, she _____ to apply sun protective lotion all over my face and the parts of the body that were not covered with clothes.

I grew older but the situation didn't get any _____.

Until now I _____ a medicine to cure my strange illness.

My skin problem is not a serious thing of course, but it doesn't allow me to do everything I want. I wish I _____ sunbathe, windsurf and play beach volleyball with my friends. But all I can do is watch them from the shade.

According to our family legend, it _____ hard at the moment when I was born. Since that time, rainy days have always been my luckiest.

FIRST

GETS

MYSELF

BABIES

HAD

BETTER

HAVENOTFOUND

COULD

WASRAINING



I play the violin in the college orchestra. Last month we _____ part in a music festival in France.

I worried a lot before we left for France as I had never been away from home for so long. Mum tried to encourage _____.

She said that we _____ well.

And she was right. We performed very successfully. It was a great journey though there _____ some things I missed very much while being in France.

One of them was my favourite mug. Without it, neither tea nor soup tasted like at home. Another thing was the warmth. The floor in my room at home _____ with a thick carpet.

In our place in France the floor was icy cold with no carpet at all. My _____ were always cold.

“If it goes on like this, I _____ a cold,” I told my roommate, Cathy.

“I wish I _____ a pair of woolen socks. But I left them at home.”

“You can take mine if you want,” said Cathy. I thanked her but her socks were two sizes _____ than I needed!

TOOK

ME

WOULDPERFORM

WERE

WASCOVERED

FEET

WILLCATCH

HAD

SMALLER



I was happy to take part in the exchange programme and to go to college in Britain. An opportunity to spend two _____ in London sounded fantastic.

Our teacher told us that we _____ in a student hostel.

It was going to be _____ than staying with a host family as the hostel was very close to the college.

When we arrived in London, the _____ thing we had was a bus excursion round the British capital.

Unfortunately, when we _____ Westminster Abbey, it started to rain hard.

We had to go down to the lower level of our double-decker and we _____ to enjoy the wonderful sights.

Anyway, London is very impressive. People from all over the world live there. Some of _____ come as tourists, others choose this place to study or to work in.

It is a dynamic multicultural city, though there _____ so many historical buildings in it.

Amazingly, many of the houses _____ centuries ago!

MONTHS

WOULD LIVE

MORE CONVENIENT

FIRST

WERE PASSING

DID NOT MANAGE

THEM

ARE

WERE BUILT



It was a great day yesterday. My friends and I _____ to see a performance at the Bolshoi Theatre.

You certainly know that the Bolshoi Theatre is the _____ theatre in Russia and probably in the world.

But not everyone _____ the history of the Bolshoi Theatre.

According to historical documents, it _____ in March 1776 when Prince Pyotr Urusov was granted Royal permission to build a public theatre in Moscow.

Catherine II, Empress of Russia, was fond of arts. She _____ having a new theatre in her country.

The original building of the theatre had a hall with almost 1,000 seats, a stage and an orchestra pit. Directly over the stage there _____ boxes where the most noble fans of the theatre had their seats.

The theatre has changed several times during _____ history.

The building we can see today opened in 1825. It _____ by architect Andrei Mikhailov who was also the architect of the Maly Theatre.

Since that time, the building has been rebuilt and renovated several times. Now it looks beautiful from the inside and outside. If I _____ the opportunity to go there more often, I would do it every week.

WENT

MOSTFAMOUS

KNOWS

BEGAN

DIDNOTMIND

WERE

ITS

WASDESIGNED

HAD



When my brother and I were small, our parents spent a lot of time with us. They believed that _____ should learn something new every day and every hour.

A weekend in our family meant that our parents _____ us up even earlier than on weekdays.

We had breakfast and set off to see some place of interest, or museum, or exhibition. Usually they _____ us where we wanted to go.

It was _____ decision.

One day they told us that we were going to visit a historical museum which was a good distance away from the city. The day _____ cold and gloomy.

The sky _____ with heavy dark clouds. But the weather didn't make our parents change their plan.

“Are you ready to go?” Dad asked. “Mum _____ the sandwiches for us already. In case we get hungry and there's no cafe nearby.”

“And what will we do if it _____?” my brother asked quietly.

“Getting wet is not a problem,” Dad replied. “I'm sure you understand that visiting a museum is much _____ for you than watching TV at home.”

My brother and I sighed. The film we wanted to see so much was on TV on that very day. We looked at each other and decided that we needed a plan....

CHILDREN

WOULDWAKE

DIDNOTASK

THEIR

WAS

WASCOVERED

HASPACKED

RAINS

BETTER



Mary's birthday was on Saturday and she decided to arrange the party all by herself. At first, making a party to celebrate her _____ birthday looked like an easy thing to do.

But when Mary started planning the event, a lot of questions came up. And the main problem was that she _____ what to start with!

Mary called her cousin Vicki and asked if she _____ help with the arrangements.

Vicki was a year _____ and more experienced in arranging parties. Vicki agreed and went to Mary's house at once.

When Vicki arrived, Mary _____ a menu for the party.

Vicki looked at the draft of the menu and _____ Mary that her approach was totally wrong.

"We shouldn't start with the menu," she said, "We should start with the list of guests and with the programme for the event. You _____ who you want to invite to your party, haven't you?"

"No," answered Mary, "I haven't."

It took the girls half an hour to make a list of guests. Each name _____ carefully on glossy paper.

"It looks fine," said Vicki, "But there are too many of _____. Don't you think so?"

FIFTEENTH

DIDNOTKNOW

COULD

OLDER

WASDESIGNING

TOLD

HAVEDECIDED

WASWRITTEN

THEM



It was a nice sunny day and mum decided to take us to the zoo. My younger sister, Wendy, was delighted. She enjoyed books and films about animals but she had never been to the zoo. “How many animals live in the zoo? Can we give _____ some food?

Are there any crocodiles? Who _____ care of the lions?” my sister was very excited and asked a lot of questions.

She kept talking all the time and _____ that nobody was answering her questions.

When we _____ at the zoo, it was midday.

There _____ a lot of people everywhere.

The territory of the zoo was large, and the animals _____ in large enclosures that imitated their natural environment.

When we went up to the enclosure that had a family of Indian elephants, they _____ their lunch. They were focused on their food and didn't pay much attention to the visitors.

“They are the _____ animals I've ever seen” said Wendy in an impressed voice.

“I wish we _____ keep a baby elephant as a pet.”

Mum said nothing and we proceeded to the pool that had the seals and penguins.

THEM

TAKES

DIDNOTMIND

ARRIVED

WERE

WEREKEPT

WEREHAVING

LARGEST

COULD



Jane was not an ordinary girl. She was an extremely popular person due to _____ unusual gift.

She was very good at arranging all sorts of _____ and events.

In fact, all the scripts and programmes for our school events _____ by Jane. We helped her as much as we could but she always did most of the work.

Once I asked Jane if she could help me to make a surprise for my mum. Jane _____ at once.

“I _____ you, no problem,” she said, “But I need to know some details about your mum.”

Jane asked me about what time my mum usually got up and when she went to bed, what food she liked and hated, what her favourite films, colours, and flowers _____.

She asked me a lot of questions and I _____ answer most of them.

I felt uneasy but Jane laughed, “It’s a common thing. Unfortunately, we often do not notice even our own family – our parents, sisters and brothers. If we _____ other people better, we would understand them better.

And we would be much _____ to them, wouldn’t we?”

HER

PARTIES

**WEREWITTEN/
HADBEENWRITTEN**

AGREED

WILLHELP

WERE

COULDNOT

KNEW

KINDER



“What would you like me to bring you from London?” Dad often asked me this question when he was going somewhere on business. He worked a lot and _____ a lot of time with the family.

We knew that he loved _____ a lot but he was really a very busy person.

And it was his _____ business trip that month.

I thought for a moment and said: “I want a Paddington Bear.”
My dad _____ his suitcase but he looked up at me at once when he heard that.

He was surprised and asked me why I _____ a Paddington Bear.

I didn't know what to answer. My dad _____ packing and sat down beside me.
“You know, when I was small,” dad said quietly, “that bear was my favourite fictional character.”

I read the book too and I also saw a film about that character. He was a very polite bear who travelled to London from some exotic country. He _____ in Paddington Station by the Brown family, who adopted him.

The soft toy changed their life and made it much _____.

“Ok. I _____ you the bear if you want”, said Dad. “And we'll also see the film about him as soon as I come back. Agreed?”

“Sure.” I was delighted with his plan.

DIDNOTSPEND

US

THIRD

WASPACKING

WANTED

STOPPED

**WASDISCOVERED/
HADBEENDISCOVERED**

BETTER

WILLBRING



Have you heard of Band Aid 30? Probably not. Then let me explain what 'Band Aid' is. In 1984, Bob Geldof and Midge Ure _____ together a group of British and Irish singers and musicians and produced a song, called 'Do They Know It's Christmas?'.
The song was a charity single. The musicians said that the money from the sales _____ to help poor people in Ethiopia, who were suffering from a famine.
The group _____ Band Aid. Over forty singers were involved in the project, including Paul McCartney, Bono, David Bowie and Sting.
In 2014, the group changed its name to 'Band Aid 30' because it was the _____ time the song was recorded. That year, the song aimed to help those who were suffering from the Ebola virus.
Since the time of its birth, the song _____ a lot of money. The money is still used only for charity.
Although the song has sometimes been criticised, over 312,000 _____ of the song have been sold.
Usually, I _____ to music a lot, I have other hobbies.
But one of my friends, who is a _____ music expert than I am, says that, if the song helps people in need – it can never be a bad thing!
I agree with _____.

BROUGHT

WOULDGO

WASCALLED

THIRTIETH

HASMADE

COPIES

DONOTLISTEN

GREATER

HIM



It started as a normal Monday morning. My alarm clock woke _____ up early in the morning.

I had breakfast, brushed my teeth and _____ outside to catch the bus.

At school I noticed that something was different. I came up to my friend Laura and asked her: “What’s going on? Why _____ everyone so excited?”

“Don’t you know?” she said. “All the teachers _____ for a conference. Only the headteacher and a few of the school staff are here.

The senior students will be teaching us today. They are only two or three years _____ than us. How can they possibly teach us?”

However, she was wrong. Our substitute teacher, a student two grades above, was very serious. He said that he _____ some French poetry to us.

It was an unusual, but interesting French class. The poem _____ on the board, our new teacher read it and then we discussed the poet’s message, choice of words and other poetical things.

Probably because the teacher was almost the same age as us, we felt relaxed and spoke freely. He also told us several amusing _____ about the poet and his time. When the class was almost over, our substitute teacher invited us to attend the next session of the school literary society.

“I’m the Chairman of the society,” he added, “If you come, we _____ a special welcome party for new members.”

ME

RAN

IS

HAVELEFT

OLDER

WOULDEXPLAIN

WASWRITTEN

STORIES

WILLHAVE

