

Tests

Test 1

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your words in the spaces provided.

1 How I became a writer

Throughout my (0) ...*childhood*.... I wanted to be a writer when I grew up but I lacked (1) in myself. I knew I had the technical (2) and even the (3) and encouragement of my parents but I was afraid that I had a serious (4) that would be difficult to overcome, not enough (5) What changed everything was my first (6) with Eric. I had always had a great (7) for his novels, and the (8) he gave me that day, at the (9) of my writing career, was of great (10) He just said: 'Think of the characters and then let them tell the story.'

CHILD
CONFIDENT
ABLE
APPROVE
WEAK
IMAGINE
MEET
ADMIRE
ADVISE
BEGIN
IMPORTANT

2 Selling our house

I have just put our house on (1) because we are moving out of the (2) and going to live elsewhere. We have put an (3) in the local newspaper and hope that we will be (4) enough to sell it quickly. The house is a new (5) and so the (6) costs are not very high, and it has plenty of (7) space, which many people look for these days. The only (8) is that people are short of money and this (9) our chance of selling quickly. The agent's (10) is to accept the first reasonable offer we get.

SELL
NEIGHBOUR
ADVERTISE
LUCK
BUILD
MAINTAIN
STORE
ADVANTAGE
LESS
RECOMMEND

3 Moving to the country

I have spent most of my (1) in cities so I'm still not sure if I made the right (2) in moving to the village. The people are (3) enough but I find the lack of (4) a little boring. The only (5) here are the ones you expect to find in a (6) farming community – agricultural shows and so on. Still, I (7) the fresh air, and a friend has just opened a (8) shop in a small town not very far away. I already do my (9) there and if I see her quite often I may be able to enjoy the (10) of town and country.

LIVE
DECIDE
FRIEND
ENTERTAIN
ACT
TYPE
BREATH

GIVE
SHOP
MIX

4 A weekend course

Veronica is on a (1) course this weekend in Devon. She got the (2) a few days ago and accepted immediately. The course is for (3) people from different (4) backgrounds, such as (5) and economists, and there are a number of (6) representing different disciplines. The idea in itself is (7) – they're going to discuss a series of (8) to improve the use of resources in society – but the (9) of the matter is that once the (10) get involved, they'll turn everything round to suit themselves.

RESIDENT
INVITE
PROFESSION
EDUCATION
LAW
SCIENCE
ATTRACT
PROPOSE
TRUE
POLITICS

5 My first job interview

I left university with good academic (1) but writing out my first (2) for a job was very difficult. I was not very (3) so I could not see myself as a successful businessman: I was looking for something quieter, (4) related to my studies, but there was little (5) in my field. Still, I had to earn my (6) somehow. So I applied for the post of (7) to the press officer of a company. As I stood at the (8) desk before the interview I knew I had nothing to recommend me but a reasonably pleasant (9) and a good (10) from my tutor at university.

QUALIFY
APPLY
AMBITION

PREFER
CHOOSE
LIFE
ASSIST
RECEIVE

APPEAR
REFER

6 Commercialising sport

An old newspaper I have in front of me shows two women tennis stars of the 1930s, (1) dressed in the most (2) clothes before playing in an (3) match for charity. In those days, the players were amateurs who expected no (4) reward beyond their expenses during the (5) Nowadays sport is so commercialised that children of twelve apply to firms for (6) The stars earn more by giving companies (7) to use their names in (8) than they do from playing. But it is (9) to regret the past, when only players rich enough to devote themselves to (10) could afford to play.

BEAUTY
FASHION
EXHIBIT
FINANCE
COMPETE

SPONSOR
PERMIT
PUBLISH
POINT
PLEASE

7 An island holiday

We were tired of going on (1) tours and were looking for (2) places the tourists hadn't discovered. The travel agent suggested a (3) island. 'It's very quiet,' he said. 'The (4) still follow their (5) way of life. They're well known for their kindness to (6) and their cooking. You must try all the local (7)' This paradise seemed (8) in the 1990s but he was right, and we were deeply (9) of his advice. Apart from that, we had (10) weather, so we enjoyed ourselves enormously.

PACK
SPOIL
PEACE
HABIT
TRADITION
VISIT
SPECIAL
BELIEVE
APPRECIATE
GLORY

8 Lost in the fog

The landlord of the inn said it was too (1) to go out that morning. 'You'd be (2) to take the car out on the moor,' he said. '(3) is very bad.' He gave us a vivid (4) of what had happened to some guests whose car had broken down in the fog. '(5) they didn't listen to me and they'd made no (6) They had no food or water. We found their car without too much (7) when the fog cleared but by then the four (8) were practically dying of (9) and thirst. Even then their (10) was due to luck. Sometimes the fog doesn't lift for days.'

FOG
FOOL
VISIBLE
DESCRIBE

FORTUNATE
PREPARE
DIFFICULT
OCCUPY
HUNGRY
SURVIVE

9 A Gothic folly

Ever since my (1) in the village I had been fascinated by a lonely tower on the (2) hill that dominated the (3) for miles around. It was like an old church tower but what (4) (5) could it have, standing there alone? When I climbed the hill one evening, the (6) it made was more frightening as the sky (7) I told the village teacher I imagined ghosts watching me. 'It's not so (8), ' she said. 'It was built by someone who liked reading (9) novels about the Middle Ages. But (10), I think it's ugly. It spoils the view.'

ARRIVE
NEAR
LAND
RELIGION
SIGN
IMPRESS
DARK

MYSTERY
ROMANCE
PERSON

10 A novel for children

Pauline Walker's new novel, *Out of* (1), describes the (2) that develops between a lonely old woman, whose only (3) is to look after the garden at the (4), and a poor boy. Ms Walker is (5) convincing in conveying the boy's initial (6) of the old woman's motives and his inability to understand her (7) But kindness wins, even overcoming the (8) of the boy's lazy, rather (9) mother. Children in the 10–14 age group will enjoy this (10) moving story.

INNOCENT
FRIEND
OCCUPY
VICAR
REMARK
SUSPECT
GENEROUS
JEALOUS
PLEASE
WONDER

11 Saving a rare species of monkey

One of the victims of the (1) of the Atlantic forest in Brazil is the (2) lion tamarin, a species of monkey in danger of (3) Ecologists became (4) aware of the tamarin's situation when this once (5) species was reduced to a few hundred. They tried to reverse the (6) process by breeding them in zoos. Their re-(7) into the forest has been difficult because the first generation are not very (8) Their children do better, but are also under (9) They need (10) from hunters eager to capture and sell them.

APPEAR
GOLD
EXTINCT
PAIN
NUMBER
DISASTER
INTRODUCE

ADAPT
THREATEN
PROTECT

12 Why Julie missed out

When Julie did not get the (1) she had been hoping for, she was very (2) 'I can't prove there's been any (3) against me because I'm a woman,' she said. 'There isn't any real (4) of that. So I can't make a formal (5) But if they'd paid more (6) to my real working (7) here and not been so concerned with questions of (8) , I'm sure I'd have got it.' I agreed it was unfair and (9) 'The real trouble is,' I said, 'that you're (10) and like to go your own way, and they don't like that.'

PROMOTE
APPOINT
DISCRIMINATE
EVIDENT
COMPLAIN
ATTEND
ACHIEVE
PERSON
LOGIC
DEPEND

13 Have we really made progress?

One of the (1) of modern life most frequently heard today is that the (2) in living standards has been (3) technical and so not really as (4) as people imagine. It seems (5) to me to go to the other extreme and say these advances have been (6) and the progress we have made is more (7) than real. However, it is clear that (8) proposals to avoid waste are welcome. The (9) approach is for us to use the world's resources in future more (10) than we have been doing.

CRITIC
IMPROVE
ESSENCE
BENEFIT
REASON
WORTH
APPEAR
CONSTRUCT
SENSE
CARE

14 Misleading advice

It amazes me, as a (1) living abroad, that I am often asked the way. By now I can (2) give a (3) answer but I still recall with (4) an occasion when I cheerfully sent a man in the wrong (5) A few moments after his (6) I realised my mistake but by then he was out of (7) I burst out laughing as I imagined him disappearing into the far (8) but almost immediately my (9) died on my lips as I saw him coming towards me. (10) I had time to go into a shop before he noticed me.

FOREIGN
GENERAL
SATISFY
EMBARRASS
DIRECT
DEPART
SEE
DISTANT
LAUGH
LUCK

15 The Neanderthals

The generally accepted (1) theory is that we are the (2) of human beings who first came to Europe 40,000 years ago. It seems (3) that our arrival (4) coincided with the extinction of the Neanderthals already (5) there. Were our ancestors responsible for their extinction? The (6) findings, however, suggest a different cause. (7) found on Neanderthal remains point to violent (8) but there are no signs of human tools being used. Apparently, Neanderthals did not adapt very well to new (9) or live as long as our ancestors, who were (10) to migrate and learn from contact with others.

SCIENCE
DESCEND
SUSPECT
PRACTICE
SETTLE

LATE
INJURE
DIE

SURROUND
WILL