

50 English Essay Practice

A Letter To A Cousin Telling About Your Visit to Him

arrive	visit	send	meet	bring
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Taman Perak,
30010 Ipoh.
16 May 2008.

Dear Randy,

How are you? The school holidays are coming soon. I have planned to (1)_____ you this holidays.

I am coming by the Sun express bus on 4 June. I will (2)_____ in Penang at about 5.00 p.m. Please (3)_____ me at the bus station. I will (4)_____ you the famous pomeloes from Ipoh.

Please (5)_____ my regards to your family. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Your cousin,
Nancy

Answer:

1. visit	2. arrive	3. meet	4. bring	5. send
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The Intelligent Headman

reported	punished	gathered	missing	worried
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Once upon a time, there was a fisherman. His boat was (1)_____. The fisherman the (2)_____ incident to the headman.

The headman (3)_____ all the villagers. He gave each villager a stick of the same length. He told the villagers that the thief's stick will grow longer. The thief was (4)_____. So, he shortened his stick.

Finally, the thief was caught and was (5)_____ by the headman.

Answer:

1. missing	2. reported	3. gathered	4. worried	5. punished
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The Crow and The Swan

beautiful	still	found	looked	wished
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One day, a crow saw a (1)_____ swan near a pond. The crow (2)_____ to be as white as the swan.

The crow (3)_____ that the swan always swim in the pond. Then, the crow thought, "If I stay in the water like the swan every day, I could be as white as the swan." So, it flew to the pond and stayed in it.

After a few days, the crow found that it was (4)_____ black in colour. It (5)_____ at its own feathers in wonder.

Answer:

1. beautiful	2. wished	3. found	4. still	5. looked
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The Greedy Snake

food	decided	happy	greedy	killed
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Once upon a time, there was a hungry snake. He came out to look for (1)_____.

He saw a little frog. He thought that the frog was too small. He (2)_____ to wait for other animals. Then came an elephant. The snake was very (3)_____. He wanted to eat the elephant. The elephant did not see the snake. He walked and stepped on the snake. The snake was (4)_____.

The story teaches us not to be (5)_____.

Answer:

1. food	2. decided	3. happy	4. killed	5. greedy
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The Hare And The Tortoise

challenge	boasting	fast	saw	nap
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The hare was (1)_____ of his speed. He wanted to challenge anyone to race him.

The tortoise took the (2)_____. So they started to race. The hare sped off at first, but soon stopped and lay down to have a (3)_____. When the hare woke up, he (4)_____ the tortoise reaching the finishing line.

The hare could not run (5)_____ enough to save the race. At last, the tortoise won the race.

Answer:

1. boasting	2. challenge	3. nap	4. saw	5. fast
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A Good Deed In A Bus

kindness	hurt	passengers	balance	pregnant
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Celina was going home in a bus. The bus was full of (1)_____. There was not an empty seat left.

Then a young (2)_____ woman got into the bus. Her tummy was big. She had a hard time trying to (3)_____ herself in the bus. Celina quickly gave her seat to the woman. She was afraid that the woman might fall down and get (4)_____.

The woman was very grateful. She thanked Celina for her (5)_____.

Answer:

1. passengers	2. pregnant	3. balance	4. hurt	5. kindness
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A Burglary

screwdriver	burglar	midnight	torchlight	mask
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It was (1)_____. I switched off the light and tried to sleep.

Suddenly, I heard some noises coming from my neighbour's house. I walked to the window and looked outside. I saw a man wearing a (2)_____ trying to break into Mr Chan's house. He was holding a (3)_____ and a (4)_____.

I picked up the telephone and called Mr Chan. Mr Chan rushed out of his room with a stick in his hand. The (5)_____ was aware and quickly ran away.

Answer:

1. midnight	2. mask	3. screwdriver	4. torchlight	5. burglar
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A Storm

thunder	blocked	policemen	lighting	lucky
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Last night there was a storm. A strong wind was blowing. There was (1)_____ and (2)_____.

The storm lasted for half an hour. A big tree fell on the road. It (3)_____ the cars from moving. The wind blew off the roofs of several houses. We were (4)_____. Our house was not damaged.

When the storm stopped, the (5)_____ came. They asked the people whose houses were damaged to spend the night at the village hall.

Answer:

1. thunder	2. lighting	3. blocked	4. lucky	5. policemen
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A Fire

fire brigade	valuable	spread	shouting	fire engine
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One night, I heard someone (1)_____ "Fire! Fire!" I quickly got up from my bed and ran out of the house.

I saw a shop house opposite was on fire. I called the (2)_____. The fire slowly (3)_____ to the next shop. People rushed out carrying their (4)_____ belongings. There were also people crying for help. At last a (5)_____ came. The firemen worked hard and put out the fire.

Answer:

1. shouting	2. fire brigade	3. spread	4. valuable	5. fire engine
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A Nightmare

released	claws	grassland	break loose	screamed
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I was lost in the middle of a (1)_____. I did not know what to do.

A giant eagle flew towards me and caught me with its (2)_____. The eagle flew for miles. I tried to (3)_____ but it was useless. Suddenly it (4)_____ its claws. I was thrown into a deep sea. I (5)_____ for help.

Then I found myself on the floor beside my bed. I was glad that it was only a nightmare.

Answer:

1. grassland	2. claws	3. break loose	4. released	5. screamed
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A Dream

floating	warm	dance	fairies	awoke
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It was a (1)_____ afternoon. I fell asleep while doing my English homework. I was carried by a cloud and (2)_____ in the sky. The air was cool and fresh. I saw some (3)_____ dancing on the clouds in front of me. They had golden hair and wore beautiful dresses. I tried to step out of the cloud to (4)_____ with them. Suddenly, I slipped. I fell down from the sky.

"Help! Help!" I (5)_____. It was just a dream.

Answer:

1. warm	2. floating	3. fairies	4. dance	5. awoke
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Stealing Mangoes

twisted	climbed	fence	scolded	branches
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One afternoon, Kenny was walking past Uncle Sam's house. He saw many mangoes on the (1)_____ of a mango tree in the garden.

Kenny was thinking of stealing some mangoes. He (2)_____ over the (3)_____ into Uncle Sam's garden. Then, he quickly climbed up the mango tree. He stood on one of the branches to reach for the fruits.

Suddenly, the branch broke. He fell from the tree and (4)_____ his ankle. Uncle Sam saw what happened and (5)_____ Kenny for what he had done. Kenny looked down in shame and promised not to do it again.

Answer:

1. branches	2. climbed	3. fence	4. twisted	5. scolded
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My Neighbour

next	battered	fishing	spread	lamps
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My(1)_____ door neighbour is an Indian family. They are Mr and Mrs Mohandas. They have two children, Neena and Harish.

Harish and I study in the same school. We go to school together. Other, we go(2)____ and see movies during the weekends.

During the Deepavali celebration, I help Harish to put up oil (3) _____ around his house. When my family and I visit Harish's house during Deepavali, I get to eat delicious curries with(4) _____ rice. There is a wide (5) _____ of sweets like halwa, burfi, laddu and murrukku. I am lucky to have such good neighbour.

Answer:

next	fishing	lamps	battered	spread
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My school

dedicated	pupil	buildings	laboratory	basketball
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My school is SJK(C) Chung Hua. I am a(1) _____ of Year 2 Merah. My school is near my house. I walk to school every day.

My school is a big school. It has four buildings. The (2)_____ have many classrooms. There is an office, a library, a computer room, a Science(3) _____ and a hall. Besides these, there is a canteen, a field and two(4) _____ courts. My school is beautiful with trees and flower plants in the compound.

My school has 1000 pupils and 100 teachers. The teachers are caring and (5)_____. I am proud to be a pupil of my school.

Answer

pupil	buildings	laboratory	basketball	dedicated
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Pak Boon

hard working	collects	coops	Kajang	milks
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Pak Boon has a farm in (1) _____. Pak Boon has many animals on his farm.

He has cows, chickens and ducks. In the morning, he (2) _____ his cows. He sells the milk to a car driver who comes to collect the milk. Then, he feeds his chickens and ducks. In the afternoon, he (3) _____ their eggs. After that, he washes their (4) _____. In the evening, he sells the eggs in the night market. His wife will sell them in the market the next day.

Pak Boon is a very (5) _____ man.

Answer

Kajang	milks	collects	coops	hard working
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The Faeces in the Barrel

barrel	thieves	pull	grab	looked
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Long ago, in Japan, there lived a man and his wife.

One day, his wife went to get water from a large water(1) _____. As she(2) _____ into the water barrel, she saw another woman looking back at her. She ran to tell her husband that there was a woman inside their water barrel. Her husband looked into the barrel, he saw a man. He thought there were two (3) _____. They reached into the barrel to(4) _____ them out. They both fell into the barrel. They tried to grab the thieves, but all they could(5) _____ was each other.

They realised that no one but themselves were in the barrel.

Answer

barrel	looked	thieves	pull	grab
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A Camping Trip

enjoyable	tents	trekked	camping	built
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Dorin loves to go (1) _____. During the last school holidays, he went camping in Templer's Park with his cousins.

They (2) _____ to the campsite near the river. They carried their own sleeping bags, tents, cooking pans, cans of food and clothes.

They put up their(3) _____ at the campsite. After that, they boiled water to make drinks and cooked a simple lunch.

There were many activities. They had jungle-trekking and nature walk. At night, they (4) _____ a camp fire where they sat around singing and playing games.

After two days in the camp, they went home. Dorin had an (5) _____ time.

Answer

camping	trekked	tents	built	enjoyable
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The cat and the fox

wondering	moral	doubtful	talking	boasted
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One day, a cat and a fox were(1) _____.The fox(2) _____ that she knew a hundred tricks to escape from the dogs .The cat said that she knew only one trick.

Just then, a pack of dogs was running towards them.The cat climbed up the nearest tree.This was her one and only trick.She asked the fox which of the one hundred tricks she would use.The fox sat(3) _____.Before she could make up her mind,the dogs arrived.They killed her.

The(4) _____ of this story is, a single plan that works is better than hundred (5)_____ plans.

Answer

talking	boasted	wondering	moral	doubtful
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The purse of Gold

containing	purse	contained	judge	merchant
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A poor beggar found a purse (1) _____ 100 pieces of gold in the market.Then,he heard a (2) _____ shouting,'A reward!A reward to the one who finds my purse.'

The honest beggar went and returned the purse to him.He asked for his reward .Instead,the merchant told him that the (3) _____ contained 200 pieces of gold and that he had stolen more than the reward.The beggar insisted that he did not take the gold.They went to see a judge.

The judge listened to their story.He said,"I believe you both.Merchant,you said that the purse you lost (4) _____ 200 pieces.So this couldn't be your purse."

The (5) _____ gave the purse and all the gold to the beggar.

Answer

containing	merchant	purse	contained	judge
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THE RAINBOW

well	untrue	often	appears	refracted
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The rainbow is(1) _____ seen after rain.It appears as a big arc of colours in the sky.The colours range from inside to outside are red,orange,yellow,blue,indigo and violet.

Rainbow (2) _____ when the sun is behind and the rain is in front of the observer.The sunlight travels through the water of the raindrops,get (3) _____ and breaks up into the many colours we see in the rainbow.

A saying that says we can find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is (4)_____.We can never actually reach the end of a rainbow.As you move,the rainbow moves as (5) _____.

Answer

often	appears	refracted	untrue	well
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Playing the congkak

captures	points	sitting	pit	traditional
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Congkak is one of the Malaysian(1) _____ games played by girls only.This game is usually played by two girls(2) _____ on the ground with the congkak board in between them.

The congkak board has two rows of five,seven or nine holes called 'Pits'and two larger holes at both ends called 'Home'.The player use sea shells or small marbles to play.The seeds are(3) _____ for the players.There are 5 seeds in each (4) _____ if there are (5)_____ pits in the board.The left most is the 'Home'for the player.

Congkak has some simple rules.The winner is the player who captures the most seeds.

Answer

traditional	sitting	points	pit	captures
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young	leaves	survival	cub	jointly
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Animals and Their Young

All animals have their (1) _____. They care for their young. They teach them from how to fly and how to find food.

The mothers take care of their young for different periods. Birds stay for several weeks. The lion (2) _____ stays for three years and a chimpanzee stays for five years.

Animals care for their young for the (3) _____ of the species. Among the mammals, the females take care of the young. They feed them and take them for their first hunt. Among birds, both the male and female (4) _____ feed their babbies and teach them to fly.

However, the European Cuckoo takes no interest in its young. It (5) _____ its eggs in the nest of other birds.

Answer

young	cub	survival	jointly	leaves
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Let's Save Our Environment

pollution	appliances	laundry	save	conserving
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There are many ways we can help to (1) _____ our environment. We can start by (2) _____ energy in our home.

Firstly, switch off lights even when leaving a room for a moment. Switch off computers and (3) _____ when not in use. Secondly, to save water, check and fix any water leaks. Do not wash dishes with the water running continuously. Wash only full loads of (4) _____.

Thirdly, learn to create less trash. Do not use disposable plates and cups. Use ceramic cups and plates. Use cloth napkins, canvas bags instead of paper napkins and plastic bags.

Lastly, reduce air (5) _____ by walking or cycling instead of driving. We can take

public transportation or carpool to work.

Answer

save	conserving	appliances	laundry	pollution
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Healthy Body

healthy	overeating	well	stock	stock
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These boys and girls have(1)_____ bodies.A healthy person works (2)_____ and feels good.It is easy to have a healthy body.First,you must eat a variety of cups of milk a day.Limit the (3)_____ drinks.

Second, drink eight cups of water daily.For children,drink three cups of milk a day.Limit the sugary drinks. Third ,stop eating when you feel full.(4)_____ makes you feel uncomfortable and later leads to weight gain.

Fourth,spend no more than two hours a day watching television and using the computer.You should spend more time on physical activities.Find ways to be active.Lastly,parents help to (5)_____ the house with healthy food and plan physical activities for the family.

Answer

healthy	well	sugary	overeating	stock
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Christmas

celebrated	exchange	festive	session	decorative
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Christmas falls on 25th December.It is(1) _____ by Christmas in the Malaysia and everywhere in the world.

Many hotels and shopping complexes put up bright colourful lights,decorations, and Christmas trees.People can feel the(2)_____ atmosphere as early as the end of the November.Santa Claus Many hotels and shopping complexes put up bright colourful lights,decorations, and Christmas trees.People distributing sweets can also be seen.

In Christian homes,Christmas trees are put up with(3)_____ items.Gifts for family

members are put under the tree. On Christmas eve, family members gather for dinner. After that, they can have a carol singing (4) _____. Later, they attend midnight services in churches to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas morning, some attend church services. After that, they hold open house where guests are treated to food and drinks. There is an (5) _____ of gifts. Some families served the traditional roast turkey.

Answer

celebrated	festive	decorative	session	exchange
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The Mechanic

problem	exhibition	ignition	bonnet	hopped
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It was a Saturday. My father planned to take us to a book 1 _____ in town. We got into the car. My dad turned on the engine but there was no sound. He tried several times. Nothing changed. Then, he called the mechanic and told him about the 2 _____.

Before long, the mechanic arrived. He brought with him a new battery. My dad opened the 3 _____ of the car. The mechanic took out the old battery and put the new one in.

My dad turned the 4 _____ key and there was a purring sound. The sound became louder. The car engine was now working.

My dad paid the mechanic and we 5 _____ inside the car. The mechanic is like a car doctor. He makes our car safe for travelling.

Answer

1. exhibition	2. problem	3. bonnet	4. ignition	5. hopped
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The Nurse

wheelchairs	sick	friendly	prescribed	mealtime
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I visited my grandmother when she was in the hospital. I saw many nurses in the ward. They all wore blue uniforms and nursing caps.

A nurse gave my grandmother an injection. She also gave my grandmother some medicines which were 1 _____ by the doctor. The nurse also took her temperature. She monitored my grandmother's condition.

The nurse was 2 _____. She talked to my grandmother. She made

my grandmother's bed every morning.

When it was 3 _____, the nurse gave the patients their food. The nurse went from bed to bed, placing the food on the tables for the patients. The nurse also helped to take the patients who were in 4 _____ to the doctor's room.

The nurse helps 5 _____ people to get well by taking good care of them.

Answer

1. prescribed	2. friendly	3. mealtime	4. wheelchairs	5. sick
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My favourite place in school

chewing	chasing	shade	feathers	favourite
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I have a favourite place in the school where I wait for my dad to pick me up after school.

This place where I wait is near the school gate. I like this place because it is not hot. The trees give good 1 _____. I like to sit on a bench there and read a book. When I do not feel like reading, I sit beside the pond. It is interesting to see the fish 2 _____ one another and 3 _____ on the plants in the pond.

Sometimes I see birds fly to the big tree and rest there. I have seen birds flying down to the pond and letting their 4 _____ touch the water. I think this is how they take their bath on a hot day.

This place has become my 5 _____ place in the school.

Answer

1. shade	2. chasing	3. chewing	4. feathers	5. favourite
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A trip to the Zoo

smiled	tram	seal	visited	soaking
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I was so happy when my parents and I 1 _____ the Singapore Zoo last Sunday. I saw so many animals. Seeing them live is different from watching them on television. The animals like the polar bears and the orang-utans are big and strong. I took a picture with an orang-utan. Her name is Kian Hong. I felt afraid at first but my parents were with me, so I held Kian Hong's big hand and 2 _____ at the camera.

We took a 3 _____ ride around the zoo. I saw some tigers resting under the trees and a hippopotamus 4 _____ itself in the water.

We watched the animal show. A trainer got a 5 _____ to perform tricks.

We left the zoo in the afternoon. I enjoyed my trip to the Singapore Zoo very much.

Answer

1. visited	2. smiled	3. tram	4. soaking	5. seal
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brave	crowded	whispered	nabbed	shocked
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A Pickpocket Nabbed

My mother and I were on the MRT heading for home. It was quite 1 _____ inside. We were standing.

As I looked around, I saw a young man putting his hand inside the back pocket of an older man. I 2 _____ to my mum what I saw. The pickpocket was then slipping the stolen wallet inside his own pocket. We were 3 _____.

My mother shouted loudly to the older man, "Mister, somebody has stolen your wallet!" Everybody in the train looked at my mum. The pickpocket pretended that nothing had happened. My mother was very 4 _____. She told everybody in the train about the pickpocket.

The older man, with the help of a few other man, 5 _____ the pickpocket. He was taken to the police station.

Answer

1. crowded	2. whispered	3. shocked	4. brave	5. nabbed
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I made my first egg sandwich

spread	mash	fork	confident	pinch
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Last year, our class teacher asked each of us to bring food for our class party. So I asked my mother to teach me how to make an egg sandwich.

First, my mother boiled some eggs in hot water. I helped to remove the egg shells. Then, I used a 1 _____ to 2 _____ all the hard boiled eggs in a bowl. After that, I added mayonnaise, a little lime juice and a 3 _____ of salt to the eggs.

My mum showed me how to cut the tomatoes into thin slices. I put the tomatoes on

a slice of bread. Then I 4 _____ the mashed eggs over the tomatoes. Finally, I put another slice of bread over everything.

I tasted my first egg sandwich. It was delicious. I was 5 _____ that my classmates would enjoy the egg sandwiches too.

Answer

1. fork	2. mash	3. pinch	4. spread	5. confident
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ripe	sour	bitter	juicy	shiver
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My favourite fruit

I eat fruits every day. My favourite fruit is the papaya.

I like the papaya because it does not have a 1 _____ taste. I do not like sour fruits. I 2 _____ when I eat anything very sour. I like the papaya because it is 3 _____. A lot of sweet juice comes out of the flesh. The flesh of the papaya is reddish-orange in colour.

I can easily bite the papaya with my teeth. The flesh of a 4 _____ papaya looks hard but actually it is soft. The papaya has many seeds. I once chewed on a papaya seed. I did not like it. It tasted 5 _____.

The papaya has many vitamins. The papaya tree bears fruit the whole year round. It needs little care and grows well in black soil. I am so lucky that I can enjoy a papaya anytime.

I think I can say, "A papaya a day keeps the doctor away."

Answer

1. sour	2. shiver	3. juicy	4. ripe	5. bitter
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My cousin likes to dance

ballerina	twirl	ballet	stage	stretches
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I have a cousin. Her name is Alice. She is seven years old. Alice goes for 1 _____ lessons at a dance school.

Sometimes I follow Alice to her ballet classes. I see her wear special shoes. The ballet shoes are pink in colour. They are soft and made of leather. These shoes help Alice to turn and 2 _____ on her toes.

Alice wears a pretty ballet dress when she performs at the school concert. It is called a tutu dress. When she dances, she jumps, 3 _____ her legs and points her feet. She stretches her arms and points daintily with her fingers.

Alice practices hard. She tells me that she wants to be a 4 _____ when she grows up. I think she can make her dream come true. I would be very happy for Alice then. I cannot wait to see her perform on the 5 _____.

Answer

1. ballet	2. twirl	3. stretches	4. ballerina	5. stage
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swayed	blowing	uprooted	loud	quite
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A Thunderstorm

It was three o'clock in the afternoon. I was at home. when I looked outside the window, I could see a lot of clouds in the sky. It was 1 _____ hot. The white clouds turned into thick grey clouds very soon. The sky was getting dark.

Then I saw flashes of lightning across the sky. The lightning was very bright. I closed my eyes. The thunder was so 2 _____. I covered my ears. The wind was 3 _____ strongly. The trees 4 _____ and the leaves fell.

Soon big drops of rainwater started to fall. The big drops of rainwater was so heavy. It was difficult to see clearly.

The wind howled fiercely. Some trees were 5 _____ during the thunderstorm.

A thunderstorm is scary and lightning is very dangerous.

Answer

1. quite	2. loud	3. blowing	4. swayed	5. uprooted
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Building a book rack

leaking	dipped	shiny	joints	handyman
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My dad is a 1 _____. He can fix a lot of things for the house. He can repair 2 _____ taps. He can make simple furniture like stools.

Recently he built a book rack for me. First, my dad bought some wood. Then, he used a saw to cut the wood into rectangular shapes. After that, he used a hammer to knock in the nails at the 3 _____. The pieces of wood were joined together as a book rack.

My dad used a piece of sandpaper to rub the wood until it was smooth. He

4 _____ a brush into a special liquid called varnish. He brushed the varnish over the wood so that the book rack looked 5 _____ and smooth.
I thanked my dad for the book rack.

Answer

1. handyman	2. leaking	3. joints	4. dipped	5. shiny
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renovate	spacious	surprise	dull	cement
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Our new kitchen

Our kitchen looked old and 1 _____. My mum wished for a nicer kitchen. One day, my dad gave my mum a 2 _____. He told her that he has asked some workers to come and 3 _____ the kitchen. My mum was very happy.

The workers put new shiny tiles on the 4 _____ floor. The old kitchen sink was replaced with two new and bigger sinks next to each other. The workers knocked down part of the wall to make a sliding window. The old kitchen cabinet was removed. A new kitchen cabinet was mounted on the wall. The old lights were replaced by new lamps with a beautiful design.

I like our new kitchen. It looks brighter. It is more 5 _____ now. My mum is very happy.

Answer

1. dull	2. surprise	3. renovate	4. cement	5. spacious
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A blackout

shone	sensed	blackout	lit	brightly
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My father was driving us home after a late night movie. There were few cars on the road. It was quiet. The street lamps were shining 1 _____.

We were not far from our home when we 2 _____ that it was rather dark

around where we lived. As my dad turned round the corner, we were shocked to see our neighbourhood in darkness. There was no light from the street lamps. My father told us that there was a 3_____.

When we reached home, my dad took a torch and 4_____ it around the house. My mum 5_____ some candles. I had to use a candle to see my way to the bathroom. It was a warm night. I could not use the fans. There were plenty of mosquitoes.

I do not like to be caught in a blackout. Life is hard without electricity.

Answer

1. brightly	2. sensed	3. blackout	4. shone	5. lit
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dance	travelled	held	presents	dance
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Missing my friend

Last year, I was in kindergarten. This year, I am in primary one and studying at the Woodlands Primary School. When I was in kindergarten, I made friends with a girl who 1_____ in the same school van as I. Her name was Dina. We studied in the same class. We sat next to each other in the class.

When the teacher asked us to find a partner and hold hands to 2_____ or sing, we always 3_____ each other's hands. We talked and laughed. We ate together. We bought each other 4_____ on our birthdays.

This year we are not together anymore. Dina is studying in another school. Her family has moved to another place.

I miss my friend very much. We keep in touch with each other through 5_____.

Answer

1. travelled	2. dance	3. held	4. presents	5. email
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A memorable choir practice

tune	practice	memorable	graduation	pronounce
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I am in my school choir. The choir has thirty members.

We have our choir practice after school. Our music teacher is Miss Brenda. She can play the piano and sing very well.

I remember one practice last year that is very 1_____. The Minister

of Education was coming to our school for the standard six pupils' 2 _____ ceremony. For two weeks, we 3 _____ singing three songs in three languages. We had to remember the songs by heart. We had to make sure that we 4 _____ every word clearly. We had to sing each song without going out of 5 _____. It was hard work.

After two weeks of continuous practice, we could sing beautifully. On the day of our performance, our voices blended in harmony. The Minister praised our choir. We are happy we have made our school proud.

Answer

1. memorable	2. graduation	3. practiced	4. pronounced	5. tune
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refreshing	tagged	mist	chose	bouquet
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The Florist

My mother loves flowers. Sometimes she buys flowers and puts them around the house. She gets the flowers from a florist who lives nearby.

My mother once wanted to buy a 1 _____ for a friend who was sick. She went to the florist's shop. I 2 _____ along with her. The florist helped my mother to choose the flowers. She 3 _____ some roses, orchids and carnations. Then, she arranged the flowers nicely into a lovely bouquet. Finally, she sprayed a fine 4 _____ of water on the flowers to keep them fresh. She was good at arranging the flowers. I think she is also very creative.

The florist sells many beautiful flowers at her shop. They have a nice smell. Some of the flowers come from other countries. I think being a florist is interesting. It is so 5 _____ to look at colourful flowers all year round!

Answer

1. bouquet	2. tagged	3. chose	4. mist	5. refreshing
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The litterbug

empty	snack	shocked	lift	irresponsible
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My family and I live in an apartment in Singapore. We live on the tenth floor. One evening, my parents and I were inside a lift. There was a boy inside the 1 _____ too. He was eating some 2 _____ food. When the lift stopped, the boy threw the empty snack packet on the floor of lift before he got out.

My parents and I were 3 _____ . The boy was a litterbug.

I saw another litterbug at the car park yesterday. The man was drinking from a can inside his car which was parked near our car. When he had finished the drink, he got out of his car and left the 4 _____ can on the floor of the car park.

It is not good to be a litterbug. A place will never be clean with litterbugs around. They do not realise that their 5 _____ behaviour does harm to the environment.

Answer

1. lift	2. snack	3. shocked	4. empty	5. irresponsible
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The blind man

own	able	healthily	greet	obstacles
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I live in an apartment in Woodlands, Singapore. One of my neighbours is a blind man. I see him every morning. He holds a stick in one hand. He feels his way by using the stick to feel the ground and track 1 _____ .

My mum 2 _____ the blind man when she sees him. I also greet him. The man smiles and greets us too. His eyes are closed. He cannot see us but he can hear us.

I think the blind man is very clever. He knows how to walk around carefully. My mum and I often see the blind man when we go to the park near our apartment. I see him walking slowly and enjoying the fresh air there.

The blind man lives happily and 3 _____. Although he cannot see, he is 4 _____ to do things on his 5 _____ and take good care of himself.

Answer

1. obstacles	2. greets	3. healthily	4. able	5. own
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The hunchback lady

prescribed	hunched	arched	wrist	dispensing
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My grandfather was sick recently. My aunt took him to see a traditional Chinese doctor who is called a "sinseh". I followed my grandfather to the sinseh's clinic. The sinseh

pressed his two fingers on my grandfather's 1 _____ to feel his pulse. After that, he 2 _____ some Chinese herbs for my grandfather.

My aunt waited at the 3 _____ counter. A lady was getting the herbs for us. When I looked at the lady, I saw that she was 4 _____. Her back was severely 5 _____. It was like her back was crushing under an extremely heavy load. She could not stand straight. She lifted her head sideways when she talked to my aunt.

Although the hunchback lady cannot run or walk fast, she works hard and chats happily with the patients as she gets the herbs for them.

Answer

1. wrist	2. prescribed	3. dispensing	4. hunched	5. arched
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The first time I held chopsticks

One evening, my parents decided to have Japanese food for dinner. They took me to a Japanese restaurant.

When the food came, my parents started to eat with their chopsticks. I was also given a pair of chopsticks. My mum 1 _____ me how to hold the chopsticks. I held the chopsticks in my fingers. When I moved my fingers, the chopsticks fell. I picked them up again. I 2 _____ the chopsticks into my noodles. Then I 3 _____ the noodles with the chopsticks. This time I could 4 _____ up the noodles with the chopsticks. I ate the noodles happily.

I took a longer time to finish my food. My parents were patient. They wanted me to learn how to use the chopsticks properly. In fact I 5 _____ to use chopsticks when I eat noodles.

Answer

1. showed	2. shoved	3. gripped	4. pick	5. prefer
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It's recess time!

I am very happy when it is the recess time in school. The recess time is not very long. It is only twenty minutes. I feel hungry by this time. So I am 1 _____ to have a bowl of hot noodles.

I like to eat together with my friends. Sometimes we buy different kinds of food and 2 _____ them among ourselves. We also laugh and joke with one another.

The recess time is also a time to talk with my friends. We usually take a walk together around the school after we have 3 _____ eating.

When we hear the bell ring, we feel a little 4 _____ that the recess time is over. We line up in rows and return to our classrooms. Lessons 5 _____. I know that I will have another twenty minutes of recess time tomorrow.

Answer

1. eager	2. share	3. finished	4. disappointed	5. continue
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The reliable security guard

Every morning when I arrive at the school, I see a security guard at the school gate. He wears 1 _____. He stands at the gate and makes sure the children are 2 _____ as they walk into the school.

He does not allow other cars to drive into the school compound. Only the teachers are 3 _____ to drive their cars in. When it is time to go home, I also see the guard doing his 4 _____. He makes sure the cars go very slowly so that the children are safe.

The security guard cares for the schoolchildren. He makes sure that they do not play near the busy road.

My school is very lucky to have a 5 _____ security guard. He ensures our safety by monitoring the traffic and by not allowing visitors without a pass to enter the school premises.

Answer

1. uniform	2. safe	3. allowed	4. duty	5. reliable
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My brother likes to play computer games

I have an elder brother. He is eleven years old.

My brother likes to play computer games. My dad has 1 _____ some video games for my brother. Some of the games are used to help him and me 2 _____ English.

My brother likes the game called "Virtual Zoo". I watched my brother 3 _____ the colours and fur of the animals. A brown kangaroo was turned into red colour. A sheep's fur became long, sharp spikes like a dinosaur's back. He also changed the shapes of the animals' noses. An elephant's long trunk was changed into a tapir's snout. He even changed the animals' appearances. A tiger suddenly had a zebra's stripes. I heard my brother laugh.

My brother says playing computer games is 4 _____. He says it is very 5 _____. It makes his brain think fast, and his hands can move so swiftly.

Answer

1. bought	2. learn	3. change	4. fun	5. challenging
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The good chef

My grandparents like to eat at one 1 _____ curry restaurant. They say that the chef there is very good. He say that the chef there is very good. He can cook many different kinds of curry. Each type of curry is 2 _____ in a special way. Different herbs and spices are used.

My grandparents like the fish curry. The chef uses 3 _____ fish for his curry. I can also eat the curry because it is not 4 _____.

The chef always asks my grandparents whether they like the food. We like the chef because he is friendly. He can cook very well but he is not proud.

My grandparents say that the good chef's curry dishes are very 5 _____. The good chef cooks well and people come back for more.

Indeed a good chef spices up life with his good cooking.

Answer

1. special	2. cooked	3. fresh	4. spicy	5. tasty
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The helpful petrol kiosk attendant

There is petrol kiosk in my neighbourhood. My father goes there to top his car up with petrol. When my father arrives at the petrol kiosk, he waits for an 1 _____ bay before he parks his car next to a petrol pump. A petrol kiosk attendant then comes to my dad. He helps my dad to fill up the petrol tank. First, he lifts up the 2 _____ of the petrol pump. Then, he presses a lever on the nozzle and the petrol is 3 _____ out from the machine into the 4 _____. When the car has enough petrol, he stops the pumps. When my dad wants to pump air into the car tyres, the kiosk attendant helps him. He pumps enough air into each tyre. I like the petrol kiosk attendant. He is 5 _____.

Answer

1. empty	2. nozzle	3. pumped	4. tank	5. helpful
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