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Unit 7

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with a suitable pronoun or specific determiner which best fits each space.

It must be said that Townhill was not vastly improved by daylight, but I liked (1) _____. I liked (2) _____ small scale and cosy air, and the way everyone said 'Good morning', and 'Hello', and 'Dreadful weather - but it must brighten up', to (3) _____, and the sense that this was just (4) _____ more in a very long series of fundamentally cheerful, well-ordered, pleasantly uneventful days. (5) _____ in the whole of Townhill would have any particular reasons to remember 27 February 1980, except for (6) _____ and a handful of children born that day.

I didn't know how early (7) _____ could decently begin asking for a room in, so I thought (8) _____ would leave (9) _____ till mid-morning. With time on (10) _____ hands, I made a thorough search for a guesthouse that looked attractive and quiet, but friendly and not too expensive, and at the stroke of ten o'clock presented myself on the doorstep of the (11) _____ I had carefully selected, taking care not to discompose the milk bottles. (12) _____ was a small hotel that was really a guesthouse, indeed, was really a boarding-house.

I don't remember (13) _____ name, but I well recall the proprietor, who showed (14) _____ to a room, then gave (15) _____ a tour of the facilities and outlined the many complicated rules for residing there. This was all bewilderingly new to me. Where I came from, (16) _____ got a room in a motel, spent ten hours making a lavish and possibly irredeemable mess of (17) _____, and left early the next morning. This was like joining the army.

Exercise 2

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in the list below to form one word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Economists often remark on the (1) _____ of wealth in modern societies: some possess fortunes so large they are described as *vast*, while others struggle with even the most (2) _____ resources. This contrast is not new. Throughout history, stories have been told of rulers and merchants whose (3) _____ led them to waste fortunes on luxury.

Even so, a (4) _____ of truth suggests that wealth alone does not guarantee happiness. When praise for wealth becomes excessive, its very (5) _____ can appear insincere. The public, perhaps recognising the (6) _____ of such compliments, may react with suspicion.

And yet, many continue to chase financial success with remarkable (7) _____, showing a determination that refuses to be discouraged. Still, in some regions, natural resources are not in (8) _____, reminding us of the inequality that persists.

Words

1. VAST
2. SCARCITY
3. EXORBITANT
4. FRACTION
5. FULSOME
6. GRAND
7. HACK
8. ABUNDANT

Exercise 3

Think of a word that could be used appropriately in all the four sentences.

1 _____

This was a ____ improvement on their last performance.

He has ____ experience across many business sectors.

The amount of detail the book contains is ____.

It is surprising that historians are just beginning to concentrate on this ____ landscape.

2 _____

Money is short and so an ____ of work is inevitable.

This game is a total cuteness ____.

Commercial enterprises are already swamped with information and there is a serious danger of ____.

Students often feel an _____ of assignments during exam week

3 _____

She just couldn't ____ it as a journalist.

Young kids are finding they can ____ the computers of large corporations.

I tried working on the night shift for a while, but I just couldn't ____ it.

He leaves all the difficult stuff for me to do and then I have to stay longer. These things really ____ me off.

4 _____

I wanted to buy that caddy but I came up €100 _____.

The fence posts are all six inches _____.

My parents didn't have much money, but they made sure we didn't go _____ of anything.

She's very busy and can be a little _____ at times.

5 _____

He hit it _____ in the dot-com boom and became a very rich man.

Most people are scared to think _____ since it can lead to disappointment.

I'm not very _____ on musicals.

There's a _____ difference between starting up a business and just talking about it.