

## C2.2 UNIT 5

**Exercise 1. Read the text below. For each gap choose the best answer a, b, or c.**

Whenever Dad **1** \_\_\_\_\_ me home from school, a yellow school bus would let me off at an isolated spot where I would recover my bike from the nearest ravine, hidden there each morning before I **2** \_\_\_\_\_ onto the bus.

To reach my home I had to travel a winding narrow road without any houses until I came to the huge deserted mansion that invariably drew my eyes, making me wonder who **3** \_\_\_\_\_ there; why had they deserted it? When I saw that house I automatically slowed, knowing soon I **4** \_\_\_\_\_ home.

An acre from that house was our home, sitting isolated and lonely on a road that had more twists and turns than a puzzle maze that leads the mouse to the cheese. We **5** \_\_\_\_\_ in Fairfax, Marin County, about twenty miles north of San Francisco. There was a redwood forest on the other side of the mountains, and the ocean too. Ours was a cold place, sometimes dreary. The fog **6** \_\_\_\_\_ in great billowing waves and often **7** \_\_\_\_\_ the landscape all day, turning everything cold and eerie. The fog was spooky, but it was also romantic and mysterious.

As much as I loved my home, I had vague, disturbing memories of a southern garden full of giant magnolia trees dripping with Spanish moss. I remembered a tall man with dark hair turning gray; a man who **8** \_\_\_\_\_ me his son. I didn't remember his face nearly as well as I **9** \_\_\_\_\_ the nice warm and safe feeling he gave me. I guess one of the saddest things about growing bigger, and older, was that no one **10** \_\_\_\_\_ large enough, or strong enough, to pick you up and hold you close and make you feel that safe again.

Chris was my mother's third husband. My own father died before I was born. He slipped on the wet floor while he **11** \_\_\_\_\_ one day. He hit his head really hard and never opened his eyes again. He **12** \_\_\_\_\_ on the spot. His name was Julian Marquet, and everyone in the ballet world knew about him. Hardly anyone outside of Clairmont, South Carolina, knew about Dr. Paul Scott Sheffield, who **13** \_\_\_\_\_ my mother's second husband. In that same southern state, in the town of Greenglenna, lived my paternal grandmother, Madame Marisha.

She was the one who wrote me a letter each week, and once a summer we visited her. It seemed she wanted almost as much as I did, for me to become the most famous dancer the world had ever known. And thus I **14** \_\_\_\_\_ to her, and to everyone, that my father **15** \_\_\_\_\_ and died in vain.

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| 1  | a. hadn't driven  | b. didn't drive   | c. wasn't driving |
| 2  | a. stepped        | b. would step     | c. had stepped    |
| 3  | a. was living     | b. had lived      | c. lived          |
| 4  | a. was            | b. would be       | c. had been       |
| 5  | a. lived          | b. had lived      | c. were living    |
| 6  | a. would roll in  | b. had rolled in  | c. rolled in      |
| 7  | a. would shroud   | b. shrouded       | c. was shrouding  |
| 8  | a. had called     | b. was calling    | c. called         |
| 9  | a. would remember | b. had remembered | c. remembered     |
| 10 | a. had been       | b. was            | c. would be       |
| 11 | a. danced         | b. had danced     | c. was dancing    |

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| 12 | a. had died     | b. would die   | c. died          |
| 13 | a. was          | b. had been    | c. would be      |
| 14 | a. would prove  | b. had proved  | c. proved        |
| 15 | a. hadn't lived | b. didn't live | c. wouldn't live |

**Exercise 2. Complete each sentence using a word from the box. Do not repeat any words. There two words which you do not need to use.**

off	on	through	with	for	out	under	over
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1. Make sure you go \_\_\_\_\_ the test results before you jump to conclusions.
2. I think you should do your best and just go \_\_\_\_\_ the record!
3. You need to thank Maya. She really went \_\_\_\_\_ of her way to get you this job interview.
4. I know you are going \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult time, but things will get better at some point.
5. Rather than striking out in new directions, I tend to go \_\_\_\_\_ the flow
6. I tried to address the customer's problem, but she kept going \_\_\_\_\_ on a tangent and I couldn't understand what her true complaint was.

**Exercise 3. Read the sentences below. For each gap choose the best answer a, b, or c.**

1. Life in the Aran Islands has always been \_\_\_\_\_ and difficult.
  - a. brisk
  - b. barren
  - c. bleak
2. The poor old man was too \_\_\_\_\_ to climb the hill.
  - a. fussy
  - b. feeble
  - c. dainty
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ wail of a siren scared the tourists.
  - a. pungent
  - b. shrill
  - c. musty
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ economy is showing no signs of recovery.
  - a. sluggish
  - b. dainty
  - c. barren
5. After coming down with the flu my legs still feel a little \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. musty
  - b. wobbly
  - c. meekly
6. The committee got off to a \_\_\_\_\_ start at its first meeting.
  - a. disheveled
  - b. brisk
  - c. fussy