

### Use of English – Multiple choice cloze

Read the newspaper article about someone who was disturbed by noise and decided to solve the problem herself. For questions 1-15, decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

One peaceful afternoon in the Cotswold village of Ebrington, as some Morris dancers were (0) \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden of the village hall, they were interrupted by a terrifyingly (1) \_\_\_\_\_ shout from behind the garden wall. When they went to see who it was, they found an old lady who was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with rage. Gracie Mitchell, 64, complained that they were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ so much noise that it was driving her mad. She asked them to stop, but as their practice session had only just begun, the dancers (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Gracie Mitchell returned home to plan her revenge. When darkness (5) \_\_\_\_\_, she returned to the village hall, armed with a hammer. After breaking into the storeroom, she (6) \_\_\_\_\_ up all the Morris dancers' costumes sticks and the accordion; she then put everything into a big pile in the garden and set it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fire! When news of the blaze at the village hall (8) \_\_\_\_\_, reporters were soon on the scene, eager to hear the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ story of the elderly vandal. It soon became clear that the attack had not been a complete (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One of the Morris dancers explained that there had been a long-running battle between Mrs Mitchell and the dancers and she had often threatened to take (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs Mitchell admitted at once that she had caused the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. "I am fond of music and don't mind Morris dancing," she said, "but I do (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to these practice sessions. They (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for so long that you can't hear yourself think." She said she was not (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of what she had done, but that in the end, she had had no choice.

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| 0. A practising | B revising  | C repeating    | D acting    |
| 1. A loud       | B strong    | C big          | D large     |
| 2. A red        | B green     | C yellow       | D white     |
| 3. A doing      | B making    | C having       | D playing   |
| 4. A denied     | B refused   | C ignored      | D rejected  |
| 5. A lowered    | B dropped   | C fell         | D felt      |
| 6. A collected  | B found     | C raised       | D brought   |
| 7. A on         | B to        | C with         | D from      |
| 8. A spread     | B developed | C came         | D increased |
| 9. A total      | B all       | C part         | D full      |
| 10. A wonder    | B surprise  | C astonishment | D fright    |
| 11. A action    | B effect    | C fight        | D battle    |
| 12. A harm      | B injury    | C damage       | D wound     |
| 13. A hate      | B object    | C dislike      | D detest    |
| 14. A come on   | B go on     | C take on      | D let on    |
| 15. A pleased   | B satisfied | C delighted    | D proud     |