

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

CENTRAL PARK



If you have the chance (1) _____ take a walk through Central Park in New York, you will get a quick tour of the wide range (2) _____ cultures and people who live in the city. One man speeds along (3) _____ a racing bike singing (4) _____ the top of his voice, (5) _____ dances to the beat of techno music coming (6) _____ a tape recorder.

Central Park, the first public park built (7) _____ America, allows (8) _____ just about any conceivable leisure activity in a rectangle of just over one (9) _____ a half square kilometres. But it may (10) _____ that its best use is for the (11) _____ entertaining sport in New York – people watching. Visitors can (12) _____ no better introduction (13) _____ the diversity of New York (14) _____ a stroll in this park.

Central Park did (15) _____ always embrace (16) _____ a variety of human life. Having won a competition (17) _____ the park's design in 1858, Frederick Olmsted and Calvert Vaux saw the places (18) _____ an oasis of calm in a disorderly city. The idea (19) _____ to create a place (20) _____ the upper-class citizens of the city could take gentle exercise (21) _____ being disturbed. However, the park authorities never managed (22) _____ enforce a regime of order. Olmsted had (23) _____ determined to create the illusion of the countryside (24) _____ the heart of New York. The fact (25) _____ skyscrapers (26) _____ now visible over the tops of the park's tallest trees would certainly (27) _____ horrified him. But this contrast (28) _____ country and city landscape is (29) _____ gives the park (30) _____ very own special charm.

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