ELC121 Practice 1



Read the sentences. Look at the text in '**red**' and write the word/words that it is referring to.

1. Ronald was winning. **He** was getting so close to the finish line!
2. There is a caterpillar on the rock. **It** is not moving much.
3. Liverpool won the Premier League title again in 2020 after 30 years. **This** was well received back home.
4. Cat and dogs make great pets. **They** are found in many homes.
5. London is a big city, but **it** can be quite busy.
6. Cooking is boring for some of us, but we need to learn how to do **it**.
7. Helena first met **her husband** here in Madrid.
8. Carol wanted to buy a house after she got married. Unfortunately, **that** didn't come true.
9. Sean and Dean are twins and **both** work in IT department.
10. Eventhough the string is as thin as hair, **its** strength to carry heavy weight cannot be denied.

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Practice 2-What do the following words and phrases refer to?

Living on the east side of Berlin pretty much since the Wall fell in November 1989, I've listened to Ossies (slang for easterners) speak both disparagingly and positively about the state **they** grew up in: the 1949-1990 socialist German Democratic Republic (GDR). Most, of course, are grateful that the **former state** is history and they've adjusted well to life in the Federal Republic. (Polls show former East Germans are happier with unification and the current state of the nation than former West Germans.)

But this doesn't mean ex-GDR citizens think everything in today's Germany is simply wunderbar. When confronted with western German **snootiness** — a we-always-knew-better attitude that rubs more than just easterners the wrong way — **they** sometimes even go overboard looking for what they miss about the GDR, a phenomenon called Ostalgie and deftly parodied in pop singer Kai Neumann's 2001 hit "Im Osten" ("In the East") as well as Wolfgang Becker's 2003 film Good Bye, Lenin!

This weekend, Germans celebrate 25 years since the Wall was breached, paving the way for Germany's reunification. But when I asked around my neighborhood what was better in the GDR, I got an earful. It's good nostalgia, but not everything holds up when you check the historical record. Some, of course, don't have any nostalgia. I asked my neighbor Gerd Poppe, a dissident in the GDR and one of the brave souls behind the democracy movement that eventually toppled the regime, what **he** missed about life before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Not a damn thing, he responded. Every aspect of the system was imbued with the ideology of the dictatorship. No single aspect was imaginable outside of the parameters of the single-party state. There's nothing to miss about the GDR, even if everything in the united Germany isn't always wunderbar.

1. they (line 2) : _____
2. former state (line 4): _____
3. snootiness (line 7) : _____
4. they (line 8) : _____
5. he (line 15) : _____



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