

Use of English Part 1

If you think that people's hobbies are getting weirder, think again. Modern hobbies are tame compared to some of the things people 1) _____ in the past. Here are just a few.

These days, everyone knows how to 2) _____ with photographs to make them look different from real life. Trick photography goes back many years before the days of Photoshop. Back in the late 1800s, when photography was in its 3) _____, people used to enjoy posing with their families in headless photographs. Otherwise serious family portraits would feature a typical family in their best Sunday clothes, except that the father would be 4) _____ an axe, mother would be headless and a child would be holding mama's head 5) _____.

The effect was achieved by layering the images of different photo negatives on top of each other. Judging by the sheer number of such pictures out there, it was a pretty common 6) _____ a century or so ago.

Another favourite family day out in nineteenth century Paris was a visit to the city morgue. A glass-walled, refrigerated room was set up a short walk from the Cathedral of Notre Dame originally so that the public could identify the bodies of the dead. However, it became a huge 7) _____ with as many as 40,000 visitors per day - similar to the numbers who visit Disney World today. The morgue was 8) _____ in all the Paris guide books, and was popular for nearly 50 years until it eventually closed in 1907.

Use of English Part 2

In January 1952, 23-year-old medical student Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and his friend Alberto Granado, a 29-year-old biochemist, set 1) _____ from Buenos Aires, Argentina on a sputtering single cylinder motorbike. They wanted to discover 2) _____ South America they had read about in books. By the end of the journey, they had travelled over 8,000 kilometres across such inhospitable places 3) _____ the Andes, the Atacama Desert and the Amazon Basin.

The journey had a significant impact on Guevara, 4) _____, after witnessing extreme poverty and social injustice, vowed to do something about it. The 5) _____ significant moment for Guevara was his visit to a leper colony. It was here that Guevara decided 6) _____ to continue his career in institutional medicine. Instead, he 7) _____ become a 'doctor of the people' - tending 8) _____ who could not afford the treatment.

Beavers

After the recent floods, conservationists are calling for beavers to be reintroduced to Britain. You may wonder how animals that build dams prevent floods when 1) _____ (SURE) the opposite is true.

However, beavers construct dams in upland areas, creating small pools and 2) _____ (DIVERT) that retain water and release water to lowland areas much more 3) _____ (GRADUAL) Until the 16th century, Beavers lived wild in parts of Britain, but they were hunted to 4) _____ (EXTINCT) for their fur.

However, recently 5) _____ (VARY). British wildlife organisations have applied to reintroduce beavers to the countryside. Along with their potential value in flood prevention, they would create wetland habitats and promote 6) _____ (TOUR).

But such measures are 7) _____ (CONTROVERSY). Beavers recently reintroduced to Estonia have flooded large areas of forest and 8) _____ (AGRICULTURE) land, and this, in turn, has damaged crops. As a result, it has been necessary to cull beavers when the population becomes too large.

Use of English Part 4

1) *Do you know the way to the Italian restaurant?' Julie asked Maria.*

where

Julie asked Maria _____ the Italian restaurant was.

2) *They decided to advertise their house on the internet.*

put

They decided _____ their house on the internet.

3) *The family went skiing a month ago.*

month

It _____ the family went skiing.

4) *The lecture was cancelled because the professor was ill.*

called

They _____ because the professor was ill.

5) *Steve is interested in learning how to design web sites.*

like

Steve _____ how to design web sites.

6) *Due to the heavy rain, the children weren't allowed to go outside.*

let

Due to the heavy rain, the teachers wouldn't _____
outside.