

Carol Chadbond

Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами A21-A28. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям A21-A28, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов. Обведите номер выбранного вами варианта ответа.

Carol Chadbond leant on the counter by the till, chewing gum, and gazed at the customers in the shoe shop. There were only two: a young girl and her mother. They had been **A21** _____ on shoes for twenty minutes, unable to agree on anything. The girl wanted something expensive and fashionable, **A22** _____ the mother wanted something cheap and practical. Carol watched them argue and thought how bored she was.

She wished she hadn't agreed to stand in for Julie on a Saturday morning. She could be out with her friends now, drinking coffee and gossiping instead of waiting for people to **A23** _____ their minds up. The mother came over with a shoe in her hand.

'I wonder if you have this in a size 4,' she said. Carol took the shoe and smiled the automatic smile she **A24** _____ for customers.

'I'll go and have a look. Won't be a minute,' she said and went into the storeroom. She quickly found the shoes, then sat on a stool, hoping to waste a few minutes by **A25** _____ to look for the shoes. She thought about her plans for that evening. She was looking forward to going to the cinema and seeing her favourite actor's latest film. Realising that she hadn't invited Amy, she got out her mobile and quickly dialled the number. It rang twice before Amy answered.

'Hi, it's me!' Carol said. 'Guess what? I'm at work. Listen, what are you doing later?'

Soon, Amy was telling Carol all about what had happened the night before and who had said what to whom. Forgetting where she was, Carol got more and more **A26** _____ in the conversation, crying 'Really?' and 'I don't believe it!' at the more interesting moments in the story.

A low cough came from the door of the storeroom. Carol looked up to see the woman customer standing there with a very annoyed **A27** _____ on her face. Even worse, the shop manager, Mrs Lewis, was standing right behind her.

'Erm ... I'll call you back,' Carol said into the phone, and hung **A28** _____. Somehow, she had the feeling that she might not have to work the following Saturday morning.

A21	1) trying	2) wearing	3) getting	4) having
A22	1) however	2) despite	3) while	4) still
A23	1) put	2) make	3) decide	4) cross
A24	1) booked	2) reserved	3) held	4) stored
A25	1) acting	2) imitating	3) displaying	4) pretending
A26	1) involved	2) excited	3) included	4) concentrated
A27	1) view	2) look	3) sight	4) appearance
A28	1) off	2) out	3) up	4) down