VERBAL CLOZE

Sep, 14th

Fill in the blanks with the verbs in brackets in the right form (you can include modal verbs where necessary).

1) He knelt at the bedroom door to join in the prayer. She (1) _____ (LIE) in bed and she seemed (2) _____ (LOSE) a lot of weight. He had been called to be there at her death-bed the previous day; his great-aunt Mary (3) _____ (STRUGGLE) with death for some days and the house was full of relatives.

Then the noise, deep and guttural, that his aunt (4) _____ (MAKE)! It was so intolerable to him that he got up from the floor and went into her sitting-room off the same landing.

As a child, whenever he visited her, she (5) _____ (SIT) with him on her knee to read her favourite extracts from the most wonderful novels.

And then that day came back to him, that unforgivable mistake. It (6) _____ (BE) about thirty-five or forty years before, he was not sure. He had come across a bundle of letters, opened one and read it. Then, a creak of the stair. 'How could you? How could you do this to me? You (7) _____ (NEG / READ) my letters.' His aunt had said quietly, 'I shall remember this until the day I (8) _____ (DIE).'

Tears came to his eyes for the first time since he (9) _____ (ARRIVE) and he cried for that old woman in the crook of his arm so that she (10) _____ (FORGIVE) him one day.

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