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- You are going to read an article about a new way of gardening. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-8).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



RENT A GOAT

It's hard to keep your backyard tidy and (0) _____ (**health**) without harming the Earth. Just consider the tools. Lawn mowers use fossil fuels, adding to the (1) _____ (**pollute**) of the atmosphere every time you push them across the grass.

That's why many are trying out a more (2) _____ (**nature**) form of lawn care and management: goats. According to *Forbes*, goat rentals are becoming a(n) (3) _____ (**fashion**) service for homeowners and farmers who want to get their land under control.

Goat rental businesses function very simply. Customers call in with the (4) _____ (**describe**) of their land — the size, the landscape, and any other important features. Then the goat rental service makes a(n) (5) _____ (**offer**). Once the price is settled, the two parties agree on a(n) (6) _____ (**suit**) date of service. On that day, the goats arrive. They graze the grass until the evening, then leave, and possibly return the next morning if the size of the job makes it necessary. When their work is done, customers are left with a freshly manicured lawn, achieved without burning any fossil fuel.

These (7) _____ (**create**) businesses can send 100 or more goats at a time. Goats offer obvious (8) _____ (**environment**) benefits, since they replace both mowers and chemical insect killers.

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- You are going to read an article about the mystery of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (9-16) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON

Ancient writers describe a fantastic series (0) _____ gardens constructed at the ancient city of Babylon in modern-day Iraq. It's not clear when these gardens (9) _____ built, but some writers were (10) _____ impressed that they called them a "wonder of the world". Around 250 B.C., Philo of Byzantium wrote that the Hanging Gardens had "plants grown at a height above ground level, and the roots are planted in an upper terrace rather (11) _____ in the earth."

So (12) _____, archaeologists who have excavated Babylon have been unable to find the remains of the garden. This (13) _____ left archaeologists with a question: (14) _____ the hanging gardens really exist? In 2013, a researcher at the University of Oxford proposed that the gardens were actually located at the Assyrian city of Nineveh. Over the (15) _____ two decades, both Babylon and Nineveh have suffered damage from wars, and it seems (16) _____ that this mystery will ever be solved.

- 8) **A with** **B in** **C of** **D about**
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- 12) **A far** **B much** **C many** **D that**
- 13) **A has** **B had** **C never** **D was**
- 14) **A How** **B Must** **C Would** **D Did**
- 15) **A passed** **B past** **C several** **D late**
- 16) **A certain** **B unlikely** **C likely** **D certainly**

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- You are going to read about a journalist's experiences in the Bahamas. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (17-25) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



WHERE PIGS SWIM FREE

For more than 30 years, I have photographed animals. It is important to me to portray animals as having their (0) _____ thoughts and personalities.

I heard about the swimming pigs from an Englishwoman, who told me that she was 300 feet offshore in the Bahamas when a pig smelled her pizza and swam out to ask (17) _____ a bite.

The pigs live on Big Major Cay, a tiny, uninhabited island with thick forests. About a dozen pigs live here, and (18) _____ are different stories about how that happened. Some say the pigs swam to the island after a shipwreck; (19) _____ say sailors left them here, planning to come back and eat them. Recently, they've become celebrities. The comedian Amy Schumer posted a photograph on Instagram (20) _____ showed her and her buddies hanging (21) _____ with one of the pigs on the island.

On the island, the pigs are very tolerant of tourists. They expect (22) _____ be fed. When I was there in February, a lot of people brought salad and bread. My guide, Dreko, said the pigs prefer anything (23) _____ salad, as they already have that on the island, but being pigs, they ate it all.

All in (24) _____, it was more interesting to watch the people. They want this exciting pig experience and can become unbelievably and noisily happy, (25) _____ spite of the fact that they probably ate bacon and eggs for breakfast.

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