OPEN CLOZE 6

A- THINK OF A WORD WHICH BEST FITS EACH GAP AND COMPLETE THE TEXT. USE ONLY ONE WORD IN EACH GAP.

TIPS ON ACTING

Acting can take place in a theatre, a school hall or even a room **(1)** .....home. Wherever you are, there are two things you must always think about even **(2)**..... going on stage. The first of **(3)**..... is breathing. Breathing comes naturally and we do not usually **(4)**..... it a great deal of thought, unless we have to run uphill very quickly and get **(5)**..... of breath. To be a good actor, however, you must breathe deeply, and not allow the air to come out in a rush so that **(6)**..... is none left for the end of a long sentence. Practice exercises **(7)**..... will help you control your breathing are recommended.

The second thing you must **(8)**..... great care about is diction; that is, the way you speak your words. **(9)**..... word must be spoken clearly and the sounds should come across as distinct from **(10)**..... another. But be careful not to overdo **(11)** ..... , or the audience will think about your pronunciation rather **(12)** ..... the meaning of the words you are saying. In ordinary life, people often speak **(13)** ..... Quickly that the vowel sounds in their words are shorter and sometimes **(14)** ..... clear than they could **(15)** ..... . It is very important not to **(16)** ..... this happen when you are acting.

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GILLETTE RAZOR

It was K.C. Gillette, a travelling hardware salesman in the USA, (1)..... invented the safety razor. Gillette was shaving (2)..... morning in 1895 when he suddenly realised that his traditional long-bladed razor was neither efficient (3)..... safe. He noticed that only a short length of the opened blade was used, and realised just (4) ..... dangerous the razor was — it could easily cut somebody. Also, (5) ..... a busy man, Gillette disliked wasting the time it (6) ..... him each day to sharpen his blade.

Why not, reasoned Gillette, create a razor blade that never (7) ..... sharpening, was exactly the right size and was cheap (8) ..... to be thrown away when it wore (9) .....? Gillette contacted an engineer, William Nickerson, and (10) ..... two of them managed to perfect what they called the 'double-edged safety blade', (11) .....fitted into a specially designed holder with a handle. The steel blades were guaranteed to stay sharp for twenty shaves, and were sold in packs of twelve.

Gillette (12) ..... up his Safety Razor Company in 1901 and the first razors went (13)..... the USA in 1904. The company carried out an advertising campaign in newspapers and gentlemen's magazines in the USA and Europe (14) ..... that as many people as (15).....would be aware off his new invention. By 1906, ninety thousand razors and twelve million blades (16)..... been sold.