

Describing Movement

A Read the stories about childhood memories. Choose the best option (a, b, or c).

An icy walk

Where I grew up, it got very cold in the winter. Sometimes it was -25°C ! My father was the one who would always go with my brother and me ¹_____ the river and ²_____ the village to the elementary school. We were always very punctual, even in the middle of the winter, when we had to walk ³_____ through the deep snow in our big boots and waterproof ski pants. I'll always remember one day when the road was covered in ice. We tried to go ⁴_____ the hill to school, but we kept falling down, again and again. Finally, we got down on our hands and knees and crawled ⁵_____ the side of the road. At the time, I thought it was so much fun. We pretended to be baby bears following the big daddy bear. In the end, we arrived just on time!

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| 1 a through | b into | c over |
| 2 a under | b through | c up |
| 3 a slowly | b quickly | c easily |
| 4 a across | b along | c up |
| 5 a along | b away | c over |

A spy in training

When I was a kid, my grandparents would send me ⁶_____ the street to the corner store to buy things—usually small, simple items like milk, coffee, or salt. I always agreed because I knew they would give me a little extra money to buy candy. I would ⁷_____ the street quickly, my mind on candy. After I bought the items, I would ⁸_____ back home slowly, enjoying every second of my sweet reward. But my memory wasn't very good and I would often forget to buy something or buy the wrong item. My grandparents of course sent me ⁹_____ back to the store. But I used to feel embarrassed. So I would change my clothes and ¹⁰_____ my hair carefully into a new hairstyle. That way the cashier would think I was a different boy.

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| 6 a through | b across | c under |
| 7 a cross | b jump | c turn |
| 8 a run | b walk | c catch |
| 9 a well | b fast | c straight |
| 10 a brush | b cut | c clean |

Too good to be true

It's a funny story, but I didn't think it was funny at the time. When my parents woke me up in the morning, I was always in a terrible mood. I would ¹¹_____ out of bed very slowly, complaining I was tired and asking repeatedly, "Do I have to go to school today?" I knew the answer, but I kept asking anyway. But one day I got a different answer. My father told me I could stay at home if I got out of bed ¹²_____ and cleaned my room. I jumped into action, picking up all my toys ¹³_____, and making my bed. I even organized the papers and books on my desk. When I proudly walked ¹⁴_____ the kitchen, my father told me it was *Dia da Mentira*, which is what we call April Fool's Day in Brazil, the day when people play tricks on each other for fun. I was so annoyed I took my breakfast and walked ¹⁵_____ of the front door. I ate my cereal outside on the stairs, where I could be alone. I still had 30 minutes before I had to leave for school.

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| 11 a run | b sleep | c get |
| 12 a immediately | b slowly | c terribly |
| 13 a playfully | b quickly | c slowly |
| 14 a into | b out | c over |
| 15 a out | b in | c across |