

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

THE ART OF TRAVEL



Journeys are the midwives of thought. Few places (1) _____ more conducive to internal conversation (2) _____ a moving plane, ship or train. (3) _____ is an almost quaint correlation (4) _____ what is in (5) _____ of our eyes and the thoughts that we are able to have in our heads: large thoughts (6) _____ times requiring large views, new thoughts, new places. Introspective reflections which are liable (7) _____ stall are helped along (8) _____ the flow of the landscape. The mind may (9) _____ reluctant to think properly when thinking is all (10) _____ is supposed to do. The task can be (11) _____ paralyzing as having to tell a joke or mimic an accent (12) _____ demand. Thinking improves when parts of the mind are given other tasks, are charged (13) _____ listening to music or following a line (14) _____ trees.

Of (15) _____ modes of transport, the train (16) _____ perhaps the best aid to thought: the views have none of the potential monotony of (17) _____ on ship or plane, they move fast enough for us (18) _____ to get exasperated but slowly enough to identify objects. They offer (19) _____ brief, inspiring glimpses into private domains, letting us see a woman at the precise moment when (20) _____ takes a cup from a shelf in her kitchen, then carrying us on to a patio where a man is sleeping and then to a park where a child is catching a ball thrown by a figure we cannot see.

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