

Use of English

The Rise of Minimalism

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

Minimalism isn't just about having fewer (1) _____ - things you own; it's a mindset shift that's transforming how people live. (2) _____ by a desire for simplicity and mental clarity, minimalism encourages people to focus on what truly matters and let go (3) _____ excess. The movement started as a reaction to consumer culture, with many individuals (4) _____ that fewer items can lead to greater happiness and freedom. Minimalists often report feeling less stressed and more fulfilled as they (5) _____ both their homes and their minds.



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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ | 4. _____ | 5. _____ |
| A) attachments | A) Driven | A) from | A) discovering | A) demolish |
| B) possessions | B) Hidden | B) by | B) finding | B) debunk |
| C) materials | C) Found | C) for | C) exploring | C) declutter |
| D) needs | D) Broken | D) of | D) covering | D) devote |

When Luck Runs Out

Alex had never believed in superstitions before, brushing off Friday the 13th as nonsense. But this time, things went differently. His alarm (6) _____, so he woke up late. Then, as he was rushing out, he spilled coffee (7) _____ his shirt and missed the bus by seconds. At work, every task seemed to fall apart—his computer crashed, files disappeared, and his presentation (8) _____ mid-slide. By lunchtime, he was questioning everything he'd once laughed at. "If I had stayed in bed," he thought, "this day (9) _____ have gone so wrong." Now, Friday the 13th wasn't just a joke; it felt (10) _____ a warning he'd never ignore again.



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| 6. _____ | 7. _____ | 8. _____ | 9. _____ | 10. _____ |
| A) has failed | A) on | A) freeze | A) hadn't | A) like |
| B) had failed | B) at | B) frozen | B) didn't | B) as |
| C) had been failing | C) in | C) freezed | C) wouldn't | C) as if |
| D) was failing | D) for | D) froze | D) hasn't | D) such |