

*Section 3*

KIERAN: So Jane - you'll be off to Denmark soon to (1) .....

JANE: Yes, I'm really looking forward to it and I've just started packing up all my books to put in storage.

KIERAN: Well, I hope (2) .....

JANE: It's OK - my grandfather works in a bookshop and he told me how to pack them.

KIERAN: Oh, that's helpful.

JANE: He says you have to support the spine otherwise the paper can (3).....

KIERAN: Yeah - that's obvious.

JANE: He also told me to (4) ..... not on their side - again because they can bend and if you leave them like that for, say, a year, it's quite hard to get them back to their normal shape.

KIERAN: Well, it's pretty clear that ruins them, but a lot of people just can't be bothered to protect their books.

JANE: He always says it's such a shame that publishers (5) .....

KIERAN: It's the acid in the paper that causes the problem, isn't it?

JANE: Yeah — that's why old books go yellow. You know some of the books my grandfather's given me are like that already.

KIERAN: Oh.

JANE: I should dump them really if (6) ....., but I'd feel bad. They'll always remind me of him. He's quite a collector, you know.

KIERAN: Well, if they're important to you ...

JANE: Yeah — I'd (7) .....

- KIERAN: You know, maybe it's because I was taught to treasure books . . . but I hate seeing students force open the pages — of paperbacks. They press so hard (8) .....
- JANE: I know, but unfortunately, paperbacks aren't designed to last a long time and people know that. Hardbacks aren't quite as weak.
- KIERAN: Yeah, they're different, I suppose, But I still don't think people value hardbacks like they used to.
- JANE: Well, they aren't decorative, are they, like other objects. Plus, nowadays, people (9) ..... as much as they used to.
- KIERAN: That's such a pity. When I visit someone — if they have, say, a colourful book on a table, it's the first thing I'm drawn to.
- JANE: I agree — and book covers can be (10) ..... Some are really eye-catching.
- KIERAN: I've always been taught to handle books carefully. If you watch someone take a book off a shelf, well, they usually do it wrong.
- JANE: Ah, my grandfather says, you should put your hand (11)....., or if you can't do that, pull the other books on the shelf aside so that you can hold the whole cover.
- KIERAN: When did you learn all this?
- JANE: He watched me pull a heavy book off the shelf when I was small and it (12) .....
- KIERAN: Oh dear!
- JANE: I can still remember it!
- KIERAN: You know what I really like?
- JANE: What?
- KIERAN: (13) .....

- JANE: Me too.
- KIERAN: My parents used to laugh at me when I was a kid because I loved putting books up to my nose. Almost as much as reading them!
- JANE: New books aren't cheap, though, are they?
- KIERAN: I guess we're lucky we can buy them.
- JANE: My grandfather (14) ..... as well as new ones and they don't smell quite as good.
- KIERAN: I'd love to have a bookshop like your grandfather. What's it like?
- JANE: Well, it's quite big — it's got (15) ....., and he stocks all kinds of books really.
- KIERAN: I guess he treasures things like (16) first editions and other rare books.
- JANE: Yeah — you might think he'd keep those in the attic or somewhere.
- KIERAN: . . . so they'd be hidden?
- JANE: Yeah. But he likes people to know that he has them. So, he puts them out in the shop but makes sure (17) .....
- KIERAN: Right. That would prevent any thefts!
- JANE: Uhuh.
- KIERAN: Does he (18) .....
- JANE: He does. He particularly likes to encourage kids to read; he always says that he used to (19) ..... with a pile of books and read them all.
- KIERAN: Is that where he keeps them, then?
- JANE: Not exactly — he's (20) ..... on the ground floor with cushions so that parents can enter with their toddlers go there and spend some time reading to them.
- KIERAN: Oh cool.



- JANE: And then there's a place for pushchairs by the front door. And a café if (21) .....
- KIERAN: That's good to know.
- JANE: As I said, it's a big shop and there's a storage area out the back as well.
- KIERAN: Oh, what does he keep there? Books he wants to throw away?
- JANE: He (22) ..... — he just leaves unwanted books by the front door for customers to take.
- KIERAN: Well, that's very nice.
- JANE: Yeah — and (23) ..... have requested, they all go at the far end.
- KIERAN: Oh.
- JANE: He thinks it's best to keep these out of (24) ..... as they're boxed and new.
- KIERAN: Did you get your coursebooks from him?
- JANE: Naturally. He stocks books for (25) ..... He used to keep these books on the first floor, but now there's a new university in my hometown, he's moved them downstairs to attract the students. They're actually (26) ....., on low shelves all around it.
- KIERAN: Pretty central then. You'll have to take me there some time!