# PET READING PART 6 – OPEN CLOZE

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each space.
Use only **ONE** word in each gap.

I say: "Excuse me for bothering you, but are you aware that it is against the law in New York City to idle your car **(1)** _____ more than three minutes?"

They want to know who I am. Am I a cop? I tell them that I'm just **(2)** _____ concerned citizen and want to make sure we improve our environment and address our oil addiction.

We usually have a discussion and I always try to conclude the encounter **(3)** _____ a positive and polite note, saying how great it would be if they shut **(4)** _____ their engine so we can all have a better environment.

Most people are convinced **(5)** _____ these arguments. Indeed, I'm successful seventy-eight percent of the time, although there are still some people **(6)** _____ are aggressive or refuse to listen.

I keep an Excel spreadsheet so that I can have a precise record **(7)** _____ each of my encounters. If I get an aggressive reaction, I list the comments and highlight them in red.

I don't give up, however, and try to approach people professionally. Sometimes my feelings get hurt, **(8)** _____ I remind myself that I am the person who makes the first approach.

To date, I have had 2,500 encounters and overall I think I have made a difference. My work is endorsed by the American Lung Association, and recently a New York traffic cop wrote the city's very first ticket **(9)** _____ idling.

I hope more people will become aware **(10)** _____ the problem in the future.

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