LISTENING PRACTICE 8

Listen and fill in the blank with NO MORE THAN THREE words

Are you writing a short story for our next fiction competition? As it's the 10th of March, there are just five weeks to go until the **(1)** _____ of the 15th of April. The best story will be selected on May 2nd to be **(2)** _____ in this year's collection.

Sometimes writers entering contests think that if there is a word limit, they need to write to the maximum **(3)** _____ permitted. For this competition, that's 10,000 words, but you don't need to write up this much. There is no **(4)** _____, which means you could write **(5)** _____ 500 words and still be considered.

However, if you're more **(6)** _____ writing a short story, we would recommend you enter our sister competition, the Stratford Flash Fiction Competition, which is for stories of 3,000 words and under. As I said before though, don't worry: you may be selected to be published in the winner's anthology even though your story is very short: last year's best story 'Mind if I join you?' by young Danish writer Agnes Jepsen, was just **(7)** _____. You can buy our past years' story collections from our website **www.novelsnpoems.com** in **(8)** _____, while this year's will also be available in **(9)** _____ from major online stores, too: if you buy it from our website, however, you'll only have to pay 8 pounds 50 as there will be a **(10)** _____.

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