

Stone: Multiple Choice Grammar Test

‘You have hardened’, said the flower, (1) _____ her petals downward toward the half stone at her roots. ‘These rains should (2) _____ you, made you more fertile and receptive to the seeds of the fields; but they did not. You have accumulated minerals and have become (3) _____ and full of calcium. Why do you stay here? Why do you resist the brook that gives us water?’

The stone said nothing.

A number of clouds passed by, the sun set and the night arrived with an immense bronze-coloured (4) _____ moon with acne scars upon her worn face and in this manner reflected down upon the silent stone which still (5) _____. The flower, by now, had tucked-in her petals and slept (6) _____, and at this time the stone began to answer:

‘I stay here because your roots (7) _____ me yours. I stay here because it is no longer about my feeling the earth rather because I have become part of that which functions as a support of your stem which (8) _____ the wind and the rain. Everything changes, my sweet flower’, said the stone, ‘but I stay here because love is that microscopic space between your feet and my (9) _____ skin. You would only be able to feel it if destiny were ever, to separate the two of us.’

The moon followed the fade of the stars. Dawn gave a yawn as the sun began (10) _____ its horizon on the lower lip of the mouth of a new day. The flower awoke and extended her beautiful petals. ‘Good morning’, she said, ‘I dreamt that you (11) _____ to me. How foolish of me, don’t you think?’

The stone said nothing.

	A	B	C	D
1	having bent	was bending	bending	to bend
2	have softened	soften	be softened	has soften
3	most silent	more silent	the more silent	the most silent
4	freckling	freckled	freckles	freckle

5	haven't fallen asleep	not fall asleep	has't fallen asleep	wasn't falling asleep
6	profoundly	profound	less profound	more profound
7	making	have made	are made	had made
8	resists	resist	resisted	resisting
9	salt	salted	salty	salting
10	burn	to burn	to have burned	to be burning
11	to be singing	have sung	had sung	sing