

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the gaps in the text with one word only.

House sitting in Ireland

I remember how I _____ to pay a fortune for accommodation when I wanted to go _____ holiday.

I _____ always look for cheap deals, but that didn't help me travel to all the places I wanted to go to.

One day, _____ I was searching for an affordable way to travel, I found a website about house sitting.

House sitting is an affordable way to go anywhere you want in the world without having to pay anything for your stay. All you have to do is take care of somebody's house.

Taking care of a stranger's house seemed like a big responsibility to take _____ but I was sure I could do it. I was _____ to pick a house in the UK, but then I found a small, cosy one on a farm in Ireland.

As _____ as I reached the house, I knew that I had made the right decision. I spent three wonderful weeks in Ireland, taking care of the farm animals and the house, and going sightseeing in the afternoon. So, if you don't have much money but you still want to get _____ from it all, become a house sitter.

A dream job, or not?

Have you _____ thought that if you could turn your hobby into a profession, you would have a dream job? Well, that's what Norman did.

A few years ago, Norman _____ working for an accounting firm and he hated his job. He was _____ debt, though, and needed the money. The only moments he felt happy was when he was doing his hobby, and it was a strange one indeed. His passion was collecting antique silver teaspoons. He _____ to have many collections as a child, from stamps to postcards but, as he got older, he noticed that

the only collection that was getting bigger _____
bigger was his teaspoon collection.

One day, a friend brought him some silver teaspoons he had and asked Norman how much he thought they were worth. That's when Norman realized he could _____ his living from doing this; so he quit his job as an accountant and got a job at an antique shop. Every day people _____ bring their antiques and ask Norman for his opinion on their value. However, his new job soon became _____ boring as his old one. The problem was that Norman no longer had a hobby.

The _____ he worked, the less he enjoyed antiques.

Last month, Norman made another decision. He sold his spoon collection and decided to take _____ a new hobby and start enjoying life again. Unfortunately, he hasn't found one yet.