

## 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.