

Task 1

The Fruitcake Special

I was a chemist at the Amos Cosmetics factory in New Jersey, USA, trying to design a new perfume when it happened. I never thought I would discover something quite so amazing by **32** _____. Not me. I was only 23 and it was my second year at the factory. I liked my job very much but I was not a lucky person. I had come straight from the university then, but now I was a chemist in one of the biggest factories in New Jersey. It was an important position to have and meant lots of work.

I was **33** _____ out all the usual mixes of flowers and things- just as I always did - when I decided to throw in a **34** _____ of the fruitcake Mummy had packed for my lunch. I don't know why I did it -just did it. I put it into the mix with all the other things.

I thought it **35** _____ nice, but there was nothing special about it, so I put the bottle into my handbag. I couldn't give something like that to my boss. After all, I was a chemist and my job was to make perfumes in the proper **36** _____.

If I told him how I made this one he would tell me not to be a silly girl. Later, he would probably **37** _____ a joke about it to his friends at the golf club.

"Anna!"

It was my boss, David Amos. He happened to be walking past where I worked. I couldn't **38** _____ being nervous. He was fairly sure of his good looks and never spoke to ordinary-looking girls like me. I was thrilled.

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| 32. 1) incident; | 2) accident; | 3) event; | 4) occasion |
| 33. 1) producing; | 2) making; | 3) trying; | 4) doing |
| 34. 1) piece; | 2) lump; | 3) bunch; | 4) pinch |
| 35. 1) heard; | 2) touched; | 3) tasted; | 4) smelled |
| 36. 1) way; | 2) road; | 3) path; | 4) method |
| 37. 1) do; | 2) produce; | 3) make; | 4) have |
| 38. 1) hold; | 2) feel; | 3) keep; | 4) help |

Task 2

Kent 1926

Uncle Will arrived at Kent at 5 p.m. "What's wrong with your father, Bess? Will asked after **32** _____ her with an affectionate embrace. Bess was his favorite niece and he came as quickly as he could after her call. She sounded desperate. Stepping back, Will peered into her face. It was pale and filled with **33** _____.

"What happened?" Uncle Will placed his hand on Bessy's.

"Pa took my brothers fishing at Ravenscar last weekend and **34** _____ a cold then. It was chilly out on the North Sea, and very windy, and it poured with rain, they got drenched. His cold **35** _____ into bronchitis, as it often does with him. I think it's a family weakness, a weak chest, I mean. His face is white and he is feverish. I have never seen Pa look as ill as this. That's why I telephoned you."

"I am glad you did, and I'm certainly glad I decided to come down to Kent last night".

As they walked across the entrance foyer of Waverley Court, heading toward the staircase, Bess went **36** _____, "I think you know that my mother went to Rome for Easter. Her former college mate invited her. She took Cecily and the two boys with her. The boys were so happy. I didn't want to go with them, and now I'm relieved I stayed here, so that I can look **37** _____ my father".

"I'm assuming you've telephoned the doctor?"

"Yes, he will be here very soon. It's Dr. Earnest Lessing. He is the local doctor we use when we are residing in Kent. Meanwhile Faxton and I have been **38** _____ Father the best we can. He's been inhaling Frier's Balsam and taking his cough mixture. I do think that's helped." At this moment the door opened and Dr. Lessing came in.

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| 32. 1) meeting; | 2) greeting; | 3) keeping; | 4) holding |
| 33. 1) depression; | 2) stress; | 3) trouble; | 4) worry |
| 34. 1) caught; | 2) had; | 3) received; | 4) appeared |
| 35. 1) turned; | 2) seemed; | 3) appeared; | 4) was |
| 36. 1) out; | 2) up; | 3) on; | 4) off |
| 37. 1) up; | 2) for; | 3) after; | 4) at |
| 38. 1) curing; | 2) treating; | 3) inhaling; | 4) prescribing |

Task 3

Daniel's vacation

Daniel sailed out of Southampton on the Queen Mary that evening with his mother waving from the dockside. It was nice to have someone to see him **32** _____, someone who cared about him. Daniel showed his passport to a ship's officer at the gangplank and walked up into the ship. On deck, a steward looked at his ticket and directed him to his **33** _____. It was small but quite comfortable. He was excited as a child about his first trip abroad. While on board the great liner he wrote a long letter to his parents, which he posted five days later from Fifth Avenue. Early the following morning he purchased a ticket at a **34** _____ agency for a Pullman to Chicago. The train pulled out of Penn station at eight the same night, Daniel having spent a total of six hours in Manhattan where his only other purchase was a guide book of America. He couldn't **35** _____ thinking about his parents. His parents didn't know that he was going to Australia. They were sure he was going to spend his holidays in the USA.

Once the express had **36** _____ the station, the Pullman carriage was attached to the super Chief which took him all the **37** _____ to San Francisco. Whenever the train pulled into a new station Daniel would leap off, buy a colourful postcard that indicated exactly where he was, fill in the white space with yet more information gained from the guide book before the train started to move. He would then post the filled-in card at the following stop and repeat the process. By the time the express had arrived **38** _____ Oakland station, San Francisco, Daniel had posted twenty-seven different cards back to his parents in the Little Boltons.

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| 32. 1) about; | 2) to; | 3) off; | 4) on |
| 33. 1) compartment; | 2) cabin; | 3) carriage; | 4) suit |
| 34. 1) travel; | 2) trip; | 3) journey; | 4) voyage |
| 35. 1) keep; | 2) help; | 3) stay; | 4) get |
| 36. 1) reached; | 2) went; | 3) arrived; | 4) came |
| 37. 1) path; | 2) road; | 3) way; | 4) line |
| 38. 1) in; | 2) for; | 3) to; | 4) at |