

## Language in use: Waitress inherits \$50,000

You are going to read a text about a waitress who received \$50,000 in a will. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to complete each gap (1–10). Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.



Amber Bowman, a .....**waitress**..... (0 wait) who works in a truck stop restaurant on interstate 10 just west of El Paso, Texas, received \$50,000 in a will. Mr Robotham, the deceased, had been a regular customer of Amber's for the last ten years. He was 70 when he started ..... (Q1 eat) breakfast there. Mr Robotham was a ..... (Q2 skin), bald guy. He wore old glasses, and he was ..... (Q3 miss) one of his front teeth. He drove a 1980 Cadillac that looked like it hadn't been washed since 1981. Most waitresses thought he was a little weird. Each of them hoped he wouldn't sit in her section. He usually sat at a four-person booth all by himself. He often spilled food onto the table and seat. To make matters worse, he didn't give large tips – one dollar was it, even though he ..... (Q4 usual) had several free refills of black coffee. "Oh, he's just a ..... (Q5 harm), lonely old guy," said Amber. Mr Robotham had begun to like ..... (Q6 help) Amber. After the first couple of months of eating at the restaurant, he made it a point to sit in her section. Whenever the other waitresses saw Mr Robotham pulling up in his old car, they would tell Amber that her "boyfriend" had ..... (Q7 arrive). They teased Amber about the day the elderly Mr Robotham would propose to her. Mr Robotham continued to visit the Do-Drop-In ..... (Q8 regular), but never proposed to Amber. The last time he ate breakfast there, he told her he was not feeling well. That's why he didn't finish the pancakes, he said. And he had only one refill of coffee. For the first time ever, he left the ..... (Q9 surprise) Amber a twodollar tip. She tried to return one dollar, figuring that he had made a mistake. He said no, she had earned that second dollar. She thanked him. In his will, Mr Robotham left a dollar each to the Republican and Democratic parties; the rest of his money, \$50,000, he left to Amber. He noted in his will that Amber's ..... (Q10 friend) smile was the "syrup on my pancakes".