READING CLOZE B2.2

Fill in the gaps with the missing words. Seven of the words are not necessary

about addictive arranged around back believed concentrate discovered

doubt excitement freedom greets inherited knowing lifestyle lost

meant missed never parking positive proud stage scenery sites

sort straight yet

NO HOME. NO JOB. NO WORRIES.

When he lost his flat, writer CJ Stone decided to go on the road'. How will he cope with life in the slow lane?

I didn't wake up one morning and say to myself, 'I think I'll go and live in a van.' It was more accidental than that. First of all I lost my flat and then, at the same time, I 1_____ I needed a new engine for my car. That 2_____ that I would have to spend £1,000 to get the car 3_____ on the road. I suddenly found that I needed, first, somewhere to live and, second, something to travel around in. So I rang the number in the ad and 4_____ to go and see it! It was love at first sight! I made my decision straight away. Two days later I was the 5_____ owner of a two-litre Ford Transit converted into a camper van.

I wasn't sure I could handle it! Where would I park? How would I wash? What would I do in the evenings? I'm the 6 _____ of person who needs people 7 _____, but you can't give big parties in a van. And how would I cope anyway with life on the road? But I needn't have worried. Well, not much. It's a lot easier than I thought. So far I've slept in several car parks and lay-bys, one or two festival sites and - once or twice - just by the roadside. I haven't 8 _____ found the perfect place. I spend a lot of time poring over maps for ideal 9 _____. I ask around among the travellers. And I've no 10 _____ I'll find a site. I'm an optimist - all my life I've always 11 _____ I have a place in the world.

I suppose it's just the 12 _____ of waking up in the morning, and, for the first few seconds, not

13 _____ where you are. Then you look out of the window, and some new sight 14 _____ you: some tree you've never seen before, or some beautiful 15 _____ that makes your heart leap. Living in a flat in the city I 16 _____ all that!

Alter all, I'm a writer. To start with I stayed on campsites that had electricity whenever I wanted to work. But it cost money and I couldn't 17 _____ because everyone else was on holiday and playing games right outside my windows. And then I found the solution: solar panels.

That meant I could stay anywhere. Now I'm not only a travelling writer, I'm ecologically sound too. Living in a van is cheap. No rent. No obligations. And on top of that there's the sense of 18 _____ and the happiness that my new 19 _____ has given me. Freedom can be 20 _____. I love being able to go where I want, when I want. It's wonderful to feel that the whole world is your home. No wonder so many people are leaving their houses and going on the road.

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