



PASSAGE 1

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

To many people, their friends are the most important things in their life. Really good friends (1) _____ the good times and the bad times, help you when you've got problems, never (2) _____ you and never turn their (3) _____ on you. Your best friend may be someone you've known all your life, someone you've grown (4) _____ with and been (5) _____ lots of ups and downs with.

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| 1. A. divide | B. share | C. allocate | D. distribute |
| 2. A. criticize | B. comment | C. judge | D. praise |
| 3. A. heads | B. hearts | C. backs | D. faces |
| 4. A. up | B. out of | C. on | D. into |
| 5. A. over | B. in | C. out of | D. through |



PASSAGE 2

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

If you are invited to someone's house in America for dinner, you should (1) _____ a gift, such as a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates. If you give your (2) _____ a wrapped gift, he or she may open it in front of you. Opening a present in front of the gift-giver is considered polite. It shows that he or she is (3) _____ about receiving the gift and wants to show his or her (4) _____ to you immediately. Even if the host doesn't like it, he or she will tell a "white lie" and say how much they like the gift to prevent the (5) _____ from feeling bad.

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| 1. A. take | B. carry | C. bring | D. get |
| 2. A. lord | B. host | C. boss | D. hostage |
| 3. A. eager | B. enthusiastic | C. keen | D. excited |
| 4. A. appreciation | B. pleasure | C. enjoyment | D. admiration |
| 5. A. visitor | B. customer | C. client | D. guest |



PASSAGE 3

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

The London marathon race was the idea of Chris Brasher, a former Olympic (1) _____. In 1979, friends told him about the New York Marathon, during (2) _____ the runners are encouraged to carry on to the end of the course by the enthusiastic shouts of the spectators. He flew to the USA to run in the race and was (3) _____ impressed by it that he decided to organize a similar event in Britain. Many problems had to be (4) _____ before the first London Marathon took place in 1981. Chris Brasher still takes a keen interest in the event, (5) _____ he is no longer the organizer.

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| 1. A. player | B. member | C. athlete | D. sportsman |
| 2. A. that | B. it | C. this | D. which |
| 3. A. very | B. too | C. so | D. much |
| 4. A. overcome | B. overturned | C. overdone | D. overlooked |
| 5. A. so that | B. because | C. even though | D. however |