Extra Training

Use of English
Task 448

1. Read the text. Fill in the gaps with the proper grammatical form of the capitalised words.

Write in BLOCK CAPITALS!!! Without spaces between words!

Coincidences	
Coincidences are those amazing little accidents of chance that seem like a one in a million. We've all experienced them at one time or another. But why do you think they **1**_____?	**HAPPEN**
Is it, as mathematicians say, just a matter of numbers? Or, is there some other force at work in the universe? Let's take a look at some amazing coincidences and you can decide what the answer is, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were both president's and Founding Fathers of the United States who **2**_____ to write the Declaration of Independence.	**HELP**
This document was signed on 4th July, 1776, which is Independence Day in the US, Adams and Jefferson both died on the same day. They died on 4th July, 1826, exactly 50 years after **3**_____ the declaration they both helped to write. In the early 70s, the famous actor Anthony Hopkins got a part in a film called *The Girl from Petrovka,* based on a novel by George Feifer. Anthony tried all over London to get hold of the book but no bookshop **4**_____ it. Then, as luck would have it, he found a copy on a bench in a train station. When he opened it, he realised that it was George Feifer's personal copy of the novel. Is it just luck that many celebrities' names form anagrams that tell you a great deal about their lives?	**SIGN** **HAVE**
For instance, out of Albert Einstein's name you can find the phrase, 'ten elite brains'. It's also pretty spooky that Princess Diana's name turns into 'end is a car spin'. But there's no doubting that Sean Connery can **5**_____ 'on any screen'. The jury is still out on whether coincidences are anything more than just blind luck. What do you think?	**FIND**

2. Read the text. Fill in the gaps with the proper lexical form of the capitalised words.

Life on Mars? Not Quite	
It was like something from a sci-fi film. In 2007, a spacecraft sent to Mars by the American space **1**_____ NASA photographed something that looked like a large gorilla-like creature.	**AGENT**
As the image seemed to show a figure with arms and legs walking down a hillside, it led to **2**_____ with the legendary Bigfoot. However, there was a much more **3**_____ explanation.	**COMPARE** **SCIENCE**
NASA insisted that the photo showed merely a feature of the **4**_____ Martian landscape. They said it was in fact a stone that had been carved by the wind. What's more, this Bigfoot was a **5**_____ smaller one - at just 5 cm tall!	**ROCK** **SURPRISE**

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