



1. Complete the text with a suitable verb form.

Last year, Tom and Maggie _____ (decide) to buy a house. They _____ (save up) for ages, and by the end of June, they _____ (put by) enough for the deposit on a house. They _____ 4 (live) in a tiny flat at the time and Maggie _____ (insist) that she _____ (want) a house with a big garden. They _____ (search) for only a few days when they _____ (find) exactly what they _____ (look for) – a two-bedroomed house in nearly an acre of garden. Unfortunately, the owner _____ (ask) much more than they _____ (be) willing to pay, and when they _____ (look) more closely at the interior, they _____ (see) that whoever _____ (live) there before, _____ (make) an absolute mess of the walls and floors. Still Maggie _____ (like) the garden and the location so much that she _____ (manage) to convince Tom that, despite the price, it _____ (be) the perfect house for them.

2. Choose the right form.

1. Sue _____ her favourite doll while she was clearing out the attic.
2. She'll _____ to the idea of buying a bigger house if we explain all the advantages.
3. The question of expanding the company _____ at the meeting.
4. He stayed in bed after he had _____ the measles.
5. He _____ a large fortune when his uncle died.
6. The death penalty was _____ in Britain many years ago.
7. Our holiday plans _____ when all the airlines went on strike.
8. John _____ the rest of the class after being ill for three weeks.
9. I _____ with one of my friends and haven't spoken to her for weeks.
10. No one can _____ water for more than two days.

3. Complete the text with the right form of the words given.



The Boiled Egg Device

The Englishman Simon Rhymes _____ thought up RECENT
an idea for boiling an egg to _____, something which is PERFECT
not as easy as it seems. A _____ problem is that the TYPE
yolks are either too soft or too hard, but with Rhymes'
new _____ your boiled eggs are now guaranteed to be INVENT
cooked exactly the way you want.

After the _____ of over 600 experiments with eggs, COMPLETE
Rhymes got the _____ idea of using the heat from EXPECT
a halogen light bulb to cook them. Of course, the light bulb
had to be _____ reduced in size to fit into Rhymes' machine, CONSIDER
which cooks your egg in around six minutes.

According to personal _____, you can change the cooking PREFER
time, depending on how hard or soft you like your egg. The
only _____ is that it takes slightly longer than the standard ADVANTAGE
three minutes!

