



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  
an idea for boiling an egg to \_\_\_\_\_, something which is  
not as easy as it seems. A \_\_\_\_\_ problem is that the  
 yolks are either too soft or too hard, but with Rhymes'  
new \_\_\_\_\_ your boiled eggs are now guaranteed to be  
cooked exactly the way you want.

RECENT

PERFECT

TYPE

INVENT

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

COMPLETE

EXPECT

CONSIDER

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

PREFER

ADVANTAGE

