

# INDIAN SUMMER

Read the text and choose the correct word.

Captain Majendie had bought the villa in India on his honeymoon, when he was in the British army there, and when he (1) \_\_\_\_\_, his widow went out to India to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ some time there. Stuart had known Majendie for years, so he felt he should write to the widow and offer his sympathy (3) \_\_\_\_\_ he had never met her. Back in England, Stuart received a letter from her, in which she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the wish to meet him. "I shall be leaving India at the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of June," she wrote, "and I have a lot of business to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to. Howard always told me you were his closest friend, so I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ you can help me with all the official (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that needs attention. I shall be in Italy for the summer; if you do not already (9) \_\_\_\_\_ plans, I would be pleased if you could join me there." Stuart felt obliged to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his plans for a trip to Ireland and three weeks later found himself in a boat crossing Lake Como, in northern Italy, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for Mrs. Majendie's house. He wasn't really looking forward to his stay. He simply didn't know how to behave with the widow of a man he had known for years but had never been keen on, especially since that man had apparently (12) \_\_\_\_\_ him as a very close friend, as he had sensed with a shock from the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of Mrs. Majendie's letter.

