

Insert one word into each gap.



Helen is **1** _____ young woman **2** _____ lives and works **3** _____ London. She **4** _____ a very good job and has been working for her present company **5** _____ nearly four years. But **6** _____ a lot of people don't know about her, is that **7** _____ the weekends she participates in a rather unusual hobby. **8** _____ she appears to be a city girl, her passion is studying dolphins. As a **9** _____, every weekend she travels around the country to work **10** _____ a volunteer with marine research groups. She hasn't had the chance to swim with these beautiful creatures **11** _____, but she hopes to one day soon. Last weekend she set off for Dorset to count the dolphins over a 48-hour period. As she **12** _____ driving through the New Forest, the weather changed completely and a dreadful thunderstorm **13** _____ her pull over and stop. Suddenly lightning struck a tree just in front of the car and the tree burst into flames. Panicking, she tried to start the car and move away from the flames **14** _____ were reaching out towards her, but the engine wouldn't start. Then she tried to open the door, but it seemed to **15** _____ locked itself. She screamed as the flames moved nearer and she knew **16** _____ was no escape. She closed her eyes and imagined herself swimming in a cold sea with the dolphins. **17** _____ of the creatures swam right up to her and told her **18** _____ to worry. It said that she'd be alright **19** _____ she just relaxed with the dolphins and enjoyed swimming around with **20** _____. The next thing she was aware **21** _____ was the sound of gunfire all around her, battering and shaking the car. She realised it was raining heavily with hailstones the size of golf balls hitting the car. The tree was **22** _____ longer burning. Perhaps the dolphin in her dream had **23** _____ sent to save her. She felt **24** _____ if she was going mad. Had any of it really happened? She will never find **25** _____.