



Choose the correct item.

'It's Only Me'

After her husband had gone to work, Mrs. Richards sent her children to school and went upstairs to her bedroom. She was too excited to do any **1** _____ that morning, because in the evening she would be going to a fancy-dress party with her husband. She intended to dress up as a ghost and she had **2** _____ her costume the night before. Now she was **3** _____ to try it on. Though the costume consisted only of a sheet, it was very effective. Mrs. Richards put it **4** _____, looked in the mirror, smiled and went downstairs. She wanted to find out whether it would be **5** _____ to wear.

Just as Mrs. Richards was entering the dining-room, there was a **6** _____ on the front door. She knew that it must be the baker. She had told him to come straight in if ever she failed to open the door and to leave the bread on the kitchen table. Not wanting to **7** _____ the poor man, Mrs. Richards quickly hid in the small store-room under the stairs. She heard the front door open and heavy footsteps in the hall. Suddenly the door of the store-room was opened and a man entered. Mrs. Richards realized that it must be the man from the Electricity Board who had come to read the meter. She tried to **8** _____ the situation, saying 'It's only me', but it was too late. The man let out a cry and jumped back several paces. When Mrs. Richards walked towards him, he ran away, slamming the door behind him.

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| 1. | 1. homework | 2. housework | 3. housewife | 4. household |
| 2. | 1. did | 2. created | 3. built | 4. made |
| 3. | 1. restless | 2. nervous | 3. impatient | 4. ill at ease |
| 4. | 1. down | 2. up | 3. on | 4. over |
| 5. | 1. cosy | 2. attractive | 3. exciting | 4. comfortable |
| 6. | 1. knock | 2. kick | 3. hit | 4. crash |
| 7. | 1. worry | 2. frighten | 3. fear | 4. disturb |
| 8. | 1. clear | 2. describe | 3. interpret | 4. explain |

