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A CHINESE VASE

When I was a child, I loved visiting my grandmother. I thought her house was as beautiful as a palace. As I grew older the house and garden seemed smaller, but I still loved visiting the old lady. There were so many lovely things to look **1** _____ in the house.

I loved her paintings and the old clock, but **2** _____ all I loved a big Chinese vase which stood in the hall. It was **3** _____ than me, and I couldn't see **4** _____ it. I walked round and round it looking at the beautiful ladies and the birds and flowers and trees, and Grandmother often **5** _____ me stories about these ladies. She said that her grandfather had brought the vase with him when he returned from a long **6** _____ to China.

We live in a modern house, and I'm afraid my husband and I often nag at the children. "Don't make the new carpet dirty, Paul!" "Be careful with the new table, Philip!"

Before she died, Grandmother gave me the vase I loved so much. It **7** _____ beautiful in our modern hall.

One day I came home from the shop. The boys met me at the door. "I'm as strong as George Bes, Mummy," said Paul. "I got a goal and I broke the vase." Philip tried to be more diplomatic than Paul, "It doesn't really matter, does it? You told us it wasn't new. You aren't cross, are you?"

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| 1. | 1. at | 2. out | 3. into | 4. about |
| 2. | 1. mostly | 2. most of | 3. great | 4. greatly |
| 3. | 1. taller | 2. higher | 3. larger | 4. greater |
| 4. | 1. about | 2. outside | 3. around | 4. inside |
| 5. | 1. said | 2. told | 3. talked | 4. spoke |
| 6. | 1. tour | 2. excursion | 3. voyage | 4. hike |
| 7. | 1. viewed | 2. looked | 3. seemed | 4. appeared |

