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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?"

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

