



1. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the proper grammatical form of the capitalized words.

Write in BLOCK CAPITALS without spaces between the words!!!  
(ПЕЧАТНЫМИ ЗАГЛАВНЫМИ БУКВАМИ, ТОЛЬКО ПОЛНЫЕ ФОРМЫ!!!  
без пробелов и знаков препинания!)

**Neil Ansell: My life as a Hermit** (отшельник)

For five years this man lived a lonely life. But then Neil Ansell discovered why we can't live alone. Here he tells why. I first came to this cottage when I was 30 years old, and for five years it **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ my only home.

**BE**

When I was in a desperate situation, I **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ an offer to rent a cottage without services high in the mountains of mid-Wales, for just £100 a year. I think I saw - it as a challenge. I wanted to know just how little I **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ in order **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ a fulfilling life.

**MAKE**

**NEED (3)**

**LEAD (4)**

My book, *Deep Country*, is about the five years I **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the hills, of how I lived and what I lived for. Not just in terms of **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ or **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ my supply of food, but in terms of **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ on my own resources.

**SPEND**

**GROW**

**GATHER**

**RELY**

I never **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_; there was always too much **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_. Chopping wood, fetching water, weeding, walking, watching. This is a book about nature and landscape, but it is also about what it **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ to live a life so remote that you may not see another soul for weeks at a time. No neighbours, no vehicles, no phone.

**BORE**

**DO**

**MEAN**

*(To be continued)*

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Such long solitude (1) _____ lead to self-examination, to a growing self-awareness. But not for me.	<b>CAN</b>
What happened to me was that I (2) _____ to forget myself. Alone, there (3) _____ no need for identity, for self-definition. During my years in the hills I (4) _____ a journal. For the first year, it was a usual diary; places I (5) _____ to, things I (6) _____ .	<b>BEGIN</b> <b>BE</b> <b>KEEP</b> <b>GO (5)</b> <b>DO (6)</b>
By the second year it was little more than a nature journal; what birds I (7) _____ that day, perhaps some notes on the weather.	<b>SEE</b>
By the third year, it was no more than an almanac, (8) _____ the turn of the seasons by the comings and goings of migrant birds and their nesting dates. I (9) _____ from my own story. I could (10) _____ forever; becoming steadily more eccentric. My life had long since stopped (11) _____ like any kind of a challenge; I was just living the life I (12) _____.	<b>MARK</b> <b>DISAPPEAR</b> <b>STAY</b> <b>FEEL</b> <b>CHOOSE</b>
What (13) _____ me away in the end was a strong desire to have children.	<b>LEAD</b>
<i>(To be continued)</i>	

**3. Read the text and choose the right options.**

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Two years later, after five years at the cottage, I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the deep country and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a family. I quickly found myself working with homeless people. There were disputes to resolve, fights to break up, medical emergencies, one crisis after (3) \_\_\_\_\_. And always there were people that needed (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to.

My lifestyle is very (5) \_\_\_\_\_ now. I live in a flat in town, a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ walk (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea, with my two daughters. My children look forward (8) \_\_\_\_\_ our occasional visits to Wales.

But I always try to arrange my life so that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I still get the opportunity to visit the cottage for a little alone time. When I get there I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the busyness of town with me, and I rush around looking for storm damage and checking my wood and water supply. But when (11) \_\_\_\_\_ falls and I light (12) \_\_\_\_\_ candles for the evening and put my feet up by the fireside, time slips away. It's good to be back.

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|-----|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | 1. left              | 2. forgot       | 3. finished      | 4. stopped       |
| 2.  | 1. created           | 2. found        | 3. started       | 4. began         |
| 3.  | 1. other             | 2. others       | 3. another       | 4. others'       |
| 4.  | 1. to talk           | 2. be talked    | 3. talking       | 4. being talked  |
| 5.  | 1. new               | 2. various      | 3. different     | 4. unusual       |
| 6.  | 1. five-minute       | 2. five-minutes | 3. five-minute's | 4. five-minutes' |
| 7.  | 1. from              | 2. out of       | 3. off           | 4. with          |
| 8.  | 1. in                | 2. with         | 3. for           | 4. to            |
| 9.  | 1. never             |                 |                  |                  |
|     | 2. not long ago      |                 |                  |                  |
|     | 3. more or less      |                 |                  |                  |
|     | 4. from time to time |                 |                  |                  |
| 10. | 1. take              | 2. give         | 3. fetch         | 4. bring         |
| 11. | 1. dark              | 2. darkness     | 3. sunrise       | 4. morning       |
| 12. | 1. few               | 2. a few        | 3. little        | 4. a little      |