
Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23—32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

It's often thought in conversation between two or more people, that one person talking (23) _____ others are listening. Sadly, this is not the truth in a (24) _____ of situations. People can get distracted from other people's voices, by their own thoughts, by creating a plan of what to say next, or by many other variables. Active listening is a (25) _____ of structured way of conversing, especially between two people, where focus is on truly *hearing* the communications of the other person. It's a conversation model (26) _____ in many settings.

The easiest way to understand active listening is to think of it in a one-to-one conversation model. While one person speaks, the other listens, and they do so with great attention (27) _____ the speaker. The listener gives (28) _____ of continued focus, like nodding in agreement, saying «uh-huh» or «yeah» occasionally, and tries to withhold any personal reaction that might (29) _____ if the experience (30) _____ negative or difficult emotions. The goal remains to keep centred on what the speaker is trying to communicate while withholding judgment.

There is a place to talk in an active listening model. Listeners can (31) _____ the flow of conversation by asking questions of the speaker or by paraphrasing some of what the speaker has said. This helps the speaker (32) _____ on his or her own words and clarify them, retract them or continue with more detail to explain the issue at hand.

	A	B	C	D
23	means	predicts	foretells	says
24	kind	type	variety	divisions
25	type	way	happening	brand
26	prompted	suggested	used	implied
27	at	to	in	on
28	queues	notions	cues	twists
29	take part	evolve	appear	occur
30	sparks off	sparks in	sparks by	sparks around
31	devote	praise	dispirit	encourage
32	show	reflect	put	suggest

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COULD A «TINY HOME» BE THE HOME FOR YOU?

Maybe you think that your bedroom is too small for all of your clothes, books, and toys. But some people are now choosing to get rid of a lot of their (23) _____ and live in houses no bigger than the (24) _____ bedroom.

To (25) _____ money, some people are moving into «tiny» houses, some of which are about 100 square feet in (26) _____. Even though the houses are small, many of them still (27) _____ a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. Some «tiny home» owners (28) _____ a ladder to get to the bedroom on the second floor of their home.

When business (29) _____ for Bill Kastrinos, he and his wife, Sharon, moved into a tiny house. The house cost only \$15,000 to build and the Kastrinos's pay \$15 a month for utilities. Their home also has (30) _____ so they can take it with them if they decide to move.

Jay Shafer owns Tumbleweed Tiny House Company. He builds tiny houses, and he lives in one too. His home is 8 feet wide and 12 feet long. Shafer said he built a tiny house because he did not want to (31) _____ a lot of rooms and he wanted to conserve energy. He gave away a lot of his things when he moved into his tiny house. He says he doesn't (32) _____ the extra books or the clothes that he never wore.

Shafer knows that tiny houses will not work for everyone. He recently got married and there is not enough room in his house for his wife. That's why he is building her a tiny house right near his home.

	A	B	C	D
23	possessions	riches	effects	goods
24	regular	average	medium	common
25	protect	earn	save	preserve
26	dimension	length	size	measure
27	possess	involve	combine	include
28	rise	go	bring	climb
29	slowed up	slowed down	slowed in	slowed at
30	wheels	discs	rings	circles
31	clean	clear	scrub	purify
32	avoid	miss	escape	regret