Task 1

- **You are going to read an article about a London pub's offer for lonely people.**
- **Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-9).**
- **Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.**
- **There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.**
- **Use only one word for each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**

FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR LONELY PEOPLE

This will be the fourth time that The Alexandra, a pub in *(0)* _____ *(centre)*, Wimbledon, has provided a free Christmas lunch to people spending the holiday by **(1)** _____ **(they)**. Landlords Mick and Sarah Dore dished up 62 roasts last year and are aiming for 100 this year. But, they say, "getting people to come out of the house is **(2)** _____ **(unbelievable)** difficult."

Loneliness **(3)** _____ **(special)** are well aware of the problem. Jill Mortimer, psychologist at Age UK, told *The Independent* that "some people are actually hiding, especially due to **(4)** _____ **(ability)** or grief," and that many feel ashamed of being lonely. Weeks of **(5)** _____ **(investigate)** of "what's stopping them from connecting" may be necessary to convince someone to come out of their shell, she said, adding that men in particular are more **(6)** _____ **(like)** to attend events if they can play an active role.

To get people **(7)** _____ **(involve)** was one of the reasons The Alexandra upgraded their previous offer of a drink at Christmas to include a meal. "Once we had a **(8)** _____ **(widow)** come in and I sat and had a couple of pints with him," said Mr Dore. "He obviously had **(9)** _____ **(where)** to go. I said: "Why don't you come and have dinner with us, the staff and my family?"

"He said he wouldn't because he had somewhere else to go – and he clearly didn't have. It was really the interaction with him that year that made me think we should offer food as well."

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