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Complete the story by listening to the audio file and filling in the blanks (1 -10) with the missing word. The words are given in the vocabulary bank.

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A STORY I'LL NEVER FORGET

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[1] The following story is a short story that I could never forget. It's the story of a girl who saw her mom cook a fish, but before the mom fried the fish, she cut the head, cut the tail, and cooked it. The girl asked why she cut the fish before cooking it. The mom said, "I don't know." She learned to cook fish from her mom. She then asked her Grandma the same question: Why does she cut the fish before cooking it? She, too, said, "I don't know." She learned to cook fish from her mom. And then, she went to ask her great-grandmother who said, "Oh, I cut the tail on the head of the fish because fifty years ago, my frying pan was too small."

[2] When I heard this story, I was angry-- because it (1) _____ everything that's wrong in the world. We don't ask why. We do what we are told, or what our parents did, and I hate that. This is why I went around the world to find people and countries that ask why things are how they are and how they can be better. For example, take something as simple as water. Why do we have to drink water from bottles, waste plastic, and spend money on water? Isn't there a better way? In Armenia, they did find a better way by making water free and putting it everywhere for people to drink in their capital city. It's amazing, it's everywhere, and it works.

[3] Why does trash need to be smelly and disgusting? Is there any better way of filing our trash? Why does it have to look like this? In Singapore, they did find a better way by building an entire island that looks like a resort, and that holds the actions of all their country's trash. It's amazing and it doesn't smell.

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[4] Why do (2) _____ have to be (3) _____ and (4) _____ in many countries around the world? Is there a better way to voice an opinion? In South Korea, they did find a better way. Candles. They lit up candles and gathered millions and millions of them to (5) _____ an entire (6) _____ in peace. Candles.

[5] To make paper, why do we need to cut down trees? Can you make it in a more (7) _____, creative way? In Sri Lanka, they did find a better way and made real paper out of the real poop of a real animal. It's not as good as paper, but it's a good start.

[6] In 2018 why do people still get (8) _____ against? In South Africa, a woman fought the entire high school that (9) _____ her for having the hairstyle that she liked. She won the case and schools can't (10) _____ discriminate anymore based on the color and the shape of your hair simply because she asked why.

[7] There's a lot of whys that's left to be answered in the world. We just need people to ask these questions. Why is there a huge income inequality in the world? Why do women not have the same freedom as men? Why is there extreme poverty? Why? Why? Why? Why do we even need to eat fish and animals, not plants? There's a lot of better ways to do things. If you ask why you might end up with more food on your table.







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