

## The House that Jock Built

When Elizabeth finally saw the house, it <sup>1</sup> part of her family legend for 200 years. It had been built by Jock Phillip, her distant ancestor who <sup>2</sup> Scotland for America aged sixteen with nothing but the clothes on his back. Five years after arriving, he discovered a hidden treasure in California: a seam of gold, which he later mined. He had succeeded in <sup>3</sup> his fortunes, and with his earnings he built his <sup>4</sup> home.

It was the <sup>5</sup> house, large and beautiful, a house to pass down from generation to generation. It belonged to his children, then his grandchildren, and so on. When Elizabeth was young, she remembered <sup>6</sup> stories about it. For this reason she had always dreamed about <sup>7</sup> the house. Finally, her chance came.

While she <sup>8</sup> there, she suddenly felt a sense of sadness. She arrived and saw immediately that the house was badly <sup>9</sup>. The walls, made of <sup>10</sup>, were falling down, and the windows were long gone. Birds had made their nests out