

5 A Choose the correct option (A–C) to complete the extract from a story.

## 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 homes in the roof.

1 A was being	B had been	C had
2 A had been leaving	B was leaving	C had left
3 A changing	B to change	C change
4 A taste	B dream	C treasure
5 A ideal	B big	C great
6 A hearing	B to hear	C hear
7 A visit	B to visit	C visiting
8 A was driving	B had driven	C drove
9 A damaging	B damaged	C damage
10 A glass	B silver	C stone

1 A Choose the correct words to complete the text. What do you think the idiom in the final sentence means?

## The Story of Me ... on Wheels!

The first mode of transport that I remember was my tricycle. My parents gave it to me the year after I <sup>1</sup>was learning / had learnt to walk, and I loved it. Then came my famous red bike. My dad <sup>2</sup>was teaching / taught me how to ride it. I was ten years old and I <sup>3</sup>was riding / rode down the main road when something <sup>4</sup>had happened / happened that I'll never forget. It <sup>5</sup>had rained / was raining heavily so I could barely see, and I skidded in a puddle and lost control. Luckily, the road was empty and I <sup>6</sup>wasn't getting / didn't get hurt. Later, I bought a motorbike. I <sup>7</sup>was wanting / had wanted one for years, but I <sup>8</sup>hadn't been / wasn't being able to afford it until my twenties. I rode it everywhere. In my thirties, I got married and started a family, so I <sup>9</sup>was having / had to sell my motorbike and buy a car. Yesterday I <sup>10</sup>watched / had watched my three-year-old learning to ride his tricycle. You could say the wheel has come full circle!