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 [1]_____ part of her family legend for 200 years. It had been built by Jock Phillip, her distant ancestor who [2]_____ 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 [3]_____ his fortunes, and with his earnings he built his [4]_____ home.

It was the [5]_____ 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 [6]_____ stories about it. For this reason she had always dreamed about [7]_____ the house. Finally, her chance came.

While she [8]_____ there, she suddenly felt a sense of sadness. She arrived and saw immediately that the house was badly [9]_____. The walls, made of [10]_____, 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 [1]**was learning / had learnt** to walk, and I loved it. Then came my famous red bike. My dad [2]**was teaching / taught** me how to ride it. I was ten years old and I [3]**was riding / rode** down the main road when something [4]**had happened / happened** that I'll never forget. It [5]**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 [6]**wasn't getting / didn't get** hurt. Later, I bought a motorbike. I [7]**was wanting / had wanted** one for years, but I [8]**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 [9]**was having / had** to sell my motorbike and buy a car. Yesterday I [10]**watched / had watched** my three-year-old learning to ride his tricycle. You could say the wheel has come full circle!

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