EXERCISE 4.1 – GUIDED DICTATION (Questions 1–6)

Listen and complete the conversation using the words from the Word Bank. Each word or phrase is used ONCE only.

Word Bank

booked • Chervil • converting • double bedroom • French doors • garage • guarantee • herb • high season • May • own • renting • seven • two • 14th • 28th • 480 • 500 • 550 • wild

SHIRLEY:
Hello?

TOM:
Oh hello. I was hoping to speak to Jack Fitzgerald about **(1)** _____ a cottage.

SHIRLEY:
I'm his wife, Shirley, and we **(2)** _____ the cottages together, so I'm sure I can help you.

TOM:
Great. My name's Tom. Some friends of ours rented Granary Cottage from you last year, and they thought it was great. So my wife and I are hoping to come in **(3)** _____ for a week.

SHIRLEY:
What date did you have in mind?

TOM:
The week beginning the **(4)** _____, if possible.

SHIRLEY:
I'll just check … I'm sorry, Tom, it's already **(5)** _____ that week. It's free the week beginning the **(6)** _____, though, for **(7)** _____ nights. In fact, that's the only time you could have it in May.

TOM:
Oh. Well, we could manage that, I think. We'd just need to change a couple of things. How much would it cost?

SHIRLEY:
That's the beginning of **(8)** _____, so it'd be £**(9)** _____ for the week.

TOM:
Ah. That's a bit more than we wanted to pay, I'm afraid. We've budgeted up to £**(10)** _____ for accommodation.

SHIRLEY:
Well, we've just finished **(11)** _____ another building into a cottage, which we're calling **(12)** _____ Cottage.

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TOM:
Sorry? What was that again?

SHIRLEY:
Chervil. C-H-E-R-V for Victor I-L.

TOM:
Oh, that's a **(13)** _____, isn't it?

SHIRLEY:
That's right. It grows fairly **(14)** _____ around here. You could have that for the week you want for £**(15)** _____.

TOM:
OK. So could you tell me something about it, please?

SHIRLEY:
Of course. The building was built as a **(16)** _____. It's a little smaller than Granary Cottage.

TOM:
So that must sleep **(17)** _____ people, as well?

SHIRLEY:
That's right. There's a **(18)** _____ _____.

TOM:
Does it have a garden?

SHIRLEY:
Yes, you get to it from the living room through **(19)** _____ _____, and we provide two deckchairs. We hope to build a patio in the near future, but I wouldn't like to **(20)** _____ it'll be finished by May.

TOM:
OK.

SHIRLEY:
The front door opens onto the old farmyard, and parking isn't a problem – there's plenty of room at the front for that. There are some trees and potted plants there.

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