

EXERCISE 5.1 – DICTATION (Questions 1–6)

Listen and fill in each blank with **ONE word or ONE number**.

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.

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.