

You are going to read an article about the history of garden gnomes. Some words are missing from the text.

- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-O) for each gap (1-9) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.
- Each word can be used once.
- There are four extra words that you do not need to use.
- There is an example (*O*) at the beginning.



WHEN GARDEN GNOMES WERE REAL PEOPLE

The 18th century was a great time to be rich. Okay, sure, it's always great to be rich, but the 1700s were a time of monumental wealth and (*O*) **C** extravagance. In Georgian England, instead of throwing fancy parties, rich nobles (1) _____ their wealth by hiring people to camp out on their lawns.

Looking for the perfect garden ornament, aristocrats (2) _____ hire random people to dress up as monks or druids and live in tiny houses or sometimes caves. Their contracts usually (3) _____ for seven years, and during that time the "hermits" (4) _____ cut their hair, take a bath, or talk to anyone. Oftentimes, they were paid to walk around barefoot and were only (5) _____ the simplest of belongings like a mat, an hourglass, and a Bible.

Of course, this bizarre (6) _____ didn't survive long, and by the beginning of the 1800s professional hermits found themselves out of a job. (7) _____, their legacy lives on to this very day. Next time you walk past your neighbour's garden, take a quick look and see if you can (8) _____ the little red-capped man hiding in the flowerbed. That's right. The ornamental hermit didn't truly (9) _____; he just evolved into the modern-day garden gnome.

A	ACTION
B	ALLOWED
C	INCREDIBLE
D	ALTHOUGH
E	COULDN'T
F	CUSTOM
G	DISAPPEAR
H	HOWEVER
I	KEPT ON
K	LASTED
L	LET
M	SHOWED OFF
N	SPOT
O	WOULD

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