

Tulips: Multiple Choice Grammar Test

Once upon a time there was a good old woman who lived in a little house. She had in her garden a bed of beautiful striped tulips. One night she (1) _____ by the sounds of sweet singing and of babies laughing. She looked out at the window. The sounds seemed (2) _____ from the tulip bed, but she could see nothing. The next morning she walked among her flowers, but there were no signs of any one (3) _____ there the night before. (4) _____ the following night she was again wakened by sweet singing and babies laughing. She rose and stole softly (5) _____ her garden. The moon was shining brightly on the tulip bed, and the flowers were swaying to and fro. The old woman looked (6) _____ and she saw, standing by each tulip, a little Fairy mother who was crooning and rocking the flower like a cradle, while in each tulip-cup (7) _____ a little Fairy baby laughing and playing. The good old woman stole quietly back to her house, and from that time on she never picked a tulip, (8) _____ allow her neighbours to touch the flowers. The tulips grew daily brighter in colour and larger in size, and they (9) _____ a delicious perfume like that of roses. They began, too, to bloom all the year round. And every night the little Fairy mothers (10) _____ their babies and rocked them to sleep in the flower-cups. The day came when the good old woman died, and the tulip-bed was (11) _____ by folks who did not know about the Fairies, and parsley was planted there instead of the flowers. But the parsley withered, and so did all (12) _____ plants in the garden, and from that time nothing would grow there. But the good old woman's grave grew (13) _____, for the Fairies sang above it, and kept it green; while on the grave and all around it there sprang up tulips, daffodils, and violets, and other lovely flowers of spring.

	A	B	C	D
1	was wakening	woke	was wakened	wakened
2	to come	coming	came	to be come
3	have been	having been	been	having
4	By	At	In	On
5	below	beneath	through	beyond

6	close	closely	closed	closeness
7	lay	lie	lain	lied
8	either did she	nor she did	not did she	nor did she
9	given out	gave out	has given out	give out
10	caresses	caressing	was caressed	caressed
11	torn up	torn in	torn at	torn off
12	another	each other	other	others
13	beautify	beauty	beautifully	beautiful