

## Grammar

1. Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood were our neighbours. They had two \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD. Their son Michael \_\_\_\_\_ NOT/DIFFER from the other children very much, but their daughter Matilda was a brilliant child.

By the time she was five, Matilda was able to read very well. She studied every magazine and newspaper that she \_\_\_\_\_ CAN find around the house. Actually, she read \_\_\_\_\_ WELL than most school pupils. One afternoon when the parents were out of the house, Matilda put on \_\_\_\_\_ SHE dress and shoes and went to the library. The librarian was surprised to see such a small child.

"Are you here for the \_\_\_\_\_ ONE time? Would you like me to find a nice book with lots of pictures for you?" she asked.

"No, thank you, I \_\_\_\_\_ FIND what I need," answered Matilda and pointed to a thick book of fairy tales. Then she added, "I \_\_\_\_\_ COME for a new book as soon as I finish this one".

The librarian was really shocked when she saw Matilda only two days later.

"I wish all children \_\_\_\_\_ LIKE reading so much," the librarian said. From that day on Matilda went to the library every afternoon.

2. Jenny loved climbing. It was a strange hobby for a girl and her family wanted her to stop it, but Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ NOT/LISTEN to anybody. "There are still several trees in the garden I haven't climbed yet," Jenny said. One day, she \_\_\_\_\_ CLIMB the apple tree in the yard, when she suddenly slipped and fell down. Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ FEEL a terrible pain and started to cry. Her mum came outside and saw that her hand was swollen and looked dark. "I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE some other hobby!" she said. "Jenny, please, promise \_\_\_\_\_ I that you'll never do this silly climbing again!" Jenny nodded. Her mother took Jenny to the doctor. It turned out that two of the bones \_\_\_\_\_ BREAK. For the \_\_\_\_\_ ONE time Jenny had a cast on her arm, from her fingers down to her elbow. For several weeks, Jenny had to have the cast on. It was a huge relief to get it off, finally. At last she could get back to her favourite \_\_\_\_\_ ACTIVITY which were running, swimming, and climbing. But now climbing was out – Jenny was determined to stick to her promise. "If I break my promise, mum \_\_\_\_\_ GET upset. And I don't want her to feel like this."

## Vocabulary

1. Reading is one of the most popular pastimes and books are one of the main sources of knowledge. Everyone knows this but, \_\_\_\_\_ FORTUNATELY, there are many young people who don't like to read. They say it is not cool but I firmly \_\_\_\_\_ AGREE with them. Books have the ability to take you to another world, to wake up your \_\_\_\_\_ IMAGINE and transport you to places you've never been to. Books can be \_\_\_\_\_ DIFFER in size and content. Their stories can be \_\_\_\_\_ EXCITE, scary, romantic or funny but above all, books are just interesting. I'm absolutely sure that books by a good \_\_\_\_\_ WRITE will always be popular.

2. I've worked in an office for many years. It's a very \_\_\_\_\_ STRESS job and recently I've taken up a new hobby - gardening. My grandmother was a very good \_\_\_\_\_ GARDEN. She never did gardening as a job but for pleasure and \_\_\_\_\_ ENTERTAIN. She had the so-called green fingers - the flowers and fruit trees she planted grew very \_\_\_\_\_ QUICK. I wish I were as skillful as she was. It's a pity my family does not share my interest. My children \_\_\_\_\_ LIKE working outdoors. They prefer using the computer indoors. I don't argue with them. Arguing and quarrelling makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_ NERVE and unhappy but cannot change the situation. I hope one day they will join me in the garden.