

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

## CENTRAL PARK



If you have the chance (1) \_\_\_\_\_ take a walk through Central Park in New York, you will get a quick tour of the wide range (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cultures and people who live in the city. One man speeds along (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a racing bike singing (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the top of his voice, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ dances to the beat of techno music coming (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a tape recorder.

Central Park, the first public park built (7) \_\_\_\_\_ America, allows (8) \_\_\_\_\_ just about any conceivable leisure activity in a rectangle of just over one (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a half square kilometres. But it may (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that its best use is for the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ entertaining sport in New York – people watching. Visitors can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ no better introduction (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the diversity of New York (14) \_\_\_\_\_ a stroll in this park.

Central Park did (15) \_\_\_\_\_ always embrace (16) \_\_\_\_\_ a variety of human life. Having won a competition (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the park's design in 1858, Frederick Olmsted and Calvert Vaux saw the places (18) \_\_\_\_\_ an oasis of calm in a disorderly city. The idea (19) \_\_\_\_\_ to create a place (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the upper-class citizens of the city could take gentle exercise (21) \_\_\_\_\_ being disturbed. However, the park authorities never managed (22) \_\_\_\_\_ enforce a regime of order. Olmsted had (23) \_\_\_\_\_ determined to create the illusion of the countryside (24) \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of New York. The fact (25) \_\_\_\_\_ skyscrapers (26) \_\_\_\_\_ now visible over the tops of the park's tallest trees would certainly (27) \_\_\_\_\_ horrified him. But this contrast (28) \_\_\_\_\_ country and city landscape is (29) \_\_\_\_\_ gives the park (30) \_\_\_\_\_ very own special charm.

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