The tulip, a beautiful flower

Tulips are a familiar (1).....(SEE) in British gardens in the springtime, and many people (2).....(MISTAKE) believe that this beautiful flower, with its thousands of varieties, was (3).....(EUROPE) in origin. In fact, it was first introduced from Asia in the sixteenth century and achieved instant (4) .....(POPULAR) .

In Holland, people were so desperate to own tulip bulbs that their (5) .....(BEHAVE) became quite extraordinary. It was not (6).....(COMMON) for people to sell all their (7).....(POSSESS) in order to buy a single tulip bulb. The situation became so serious that laws were passed with the (8).....(INTEND) of controlling this trade in tulips.

Eventually, tulip-growing became an industry of (9).....(CONSIDER) importance in Holland. Tulip bulbs are still a (10).....(COMMERCE) success there, and the Dutch tulip fields are a (11).....(COLOUR) tourist attraction.

SPORT HOLIDAYS

Sport holidays are a recent (1).....(DEVELOP) but they are fast becoming more and more popular. It is by no means (2).....(USUAL) now for people to combine a traditional holiday with sports that are both (3).....(ENJOY) and immensely rewarding.

There are usually courses to suit all levels of (4).....(ABLE) in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, where (5).....(INSTRUCT) is given to build confidence and develop a good climbing style, to get the most (6).....(SATISFY) from reaching the top.

Everybody from (7).....(BEGIN) to experts can take part in water sports like sailing. From a gentle introduction on a (8).....(PEACE) lake to a more (9).....(ADVENTURE) trip down rivers which flow through magnificent (10).....(SCENE) , a day out can be great fun. Then, after an (11).....(ENERGY) day, you can relax and enjoy a good meal back at the hotel.

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