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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about the history of Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, London. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (16-24).
- Then write **the appropriate form** of these words on the dotted lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use **only one** word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

SPEAKERS' CORNER



Speakers' Corner has been a traditional site for public (0) _____ (*speak*) and debates since the mid 1800's. Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, George Orwell and other (16) _____ (*stand*) figures were known to often use the area to demonstrate free speech. Even today, on a Sunday morning, it's not (17) _____ (*usual*) to find crowds gathering at Speakers' Corner to listen to enthusiasts expounding their views. Anyone can turn up to speak on any subject, as long as the police consider their speeches (18) _____ (*law*).

Close to this spot, about 250 years ago, people were still being hanged at the infamous Tyburn Gallows. Everyone condemned to die at Tyburn could make a final speech. Some confessed, others emphasized their (19) _____ (*innocent*). For onlookers, the executions were big social events. Eventually, the authorities decided the (20) _____ (*hang*) were too violent and transferred them to Newgate Prison.

The origins of Speakers' Corner as it is known today go back to 1866, when a meeting of the Reform League demanding the (21) _____ (*extend*) of the right to vote was suppressed by the Government. Marches and protests had long started or terminated their routes at Speakers' Corner. Finding the park (22) _____ (*lock*), demonstrators tore up hundreds of yards of railings to gain access, and three days of rioting followed. The next year, when a crowd of 150,000 refused to obey another government (23) _____ (*ban*) and marched to Hyde Park, police and troops did not intervene. The Home Secretary resigned the next day. In the 1872 Parks Regulation Act, through a series of regulations (24) _____ (*govern*) the conduct of meetings, the right to meet and speak freely in Hyde Park was established.

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