Grammar and Usage

Instructions: Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

Now began for Thomas the strangest and perhaps most memorable summer of my life. He boiled eggs, made cocoa and laid the table not very well. In due course he learnt to fry and then to scramble eggs. Elsa was his instructress and he turned out to be an apt pupil. She always came on a Saturday and Sunday saying that was when a woman is needed most. During the week she came twice so Thomas was sometimes on his own. Even on those days she often had to leave early and Thomas was in charge of getting supper. I fear he depended heavily on his Aunty's shop for his menus. When his father was presented for the third evening in a row with fried pear and bread, he took Thomas for fried rice and shrimps at the Chinese restaurant in Papine.

Cloze Exercise

Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage.8rt

It was the **(1)**_____**(line 1)** of a **(2)**_____**(line 1)** and perhaps most memorable summer of Thomas's life. He was **(3)**_____ **(line 1)**eggs, **(4)**_____**(line 2)** made cocoa and **(5)**_____**(line 2)** the table not very well. **(6)**_____**(line 2)** to fry and then to scramble eggs was learnt in due course. He was **(7)**_____**(line 3)** out to be an apt student under. Elsa's **(8)**_____ **(line 3).** She always came on a Saturday and Sunday saying that was when a woman is needed most. During the week she came twice so Thomas was sometimes on his own. Even on those days she often had to leave early and Thomas was in charge of getting supper. I fear his **(9)**_____**(line 6)** on his Aunty's shop for his menus was **(10)**_____. **(line 6)** When his father was presented for the third evening in a row with fried pear and bread, he took Thomas for fried rice and shrimps at the Chinese restaurant in Papine.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar and Usage

An African Street

Instructions: Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

The street could not have changed much in four months. The same two rows of houses were there, with their fenced stoops and verandas; the same Indian grocery shop, and the back of the warehouse that had a big sign painted across the whole expanse of the wall. There were the same grey pavements, cracked in places. Perhaps the paint and colour- wash on the houses had faded and peeled somewhat during the four months, and there were wide streaks down the wall of the warehouse, damaging the big black lettering.

And the people were there too. The little knots of twos and threes at the gates of some of the houses, the row of idle men against the warehouse wall, and the children playing in the gutters. Nothing had really changed in the street.

Alex la Guma quartet 1963

Cloze Exercise

Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage.8rt

In four months the street did not _____ much . The same two rows of houses were there, there was _____ around their stoops and verandas; the same Indian grocery shop, and the back of the warehouse that had a big sign painted across the whole expanse of the wall. There were the same grey pavements, with _____ in certain places. Perhaps the paint and colour- wash on the houses had faded and peeled somewhat during the four months, and there were wide streaks down the wall of the warehouse, damaging the big black lettering.

And the people were there too. The little knots of twos and threes at the gates of some of the houses, the row of idle men against the warehouse wall, and the children playing in the gutters. Nothing had really changed in the street.

LIVEWORKSHEETS