

Open Cloze

Including reported speech, conditionals and wishes

Public places for teens

Do you wish you (1)_____ hang out with your friends somewhere? A survey was carried out among teens and they claim (2)_____ have a difficult time finding a place to meet with their friends and not have someone who bothers them. And if they went to a park, parents _____(3) throw them off the swings so that their kids can use them! Now parks designers realise teens need somewhere to meet that it's not a school and so they've offered _____(4) help them. Along with vans that sell food, teens have asked _____(5) fountains and art spaces. Also some study spaces and WiFi in _____(6) they want to do homework. The designers said they will agree _____(7) their suggestions _____(8) condition that they take care of the place. In return, adolescents thanked designers _____(9) taking into account their opinion and claimed it was _____(10) time someone paid attention to them.

A new local market

If my dad hadn't seen the advert for a teen market last summer, I wouldn't _____(1) started making jewellery. The idea is that teens can make and sell goods (2)_____ long as they have their parents' approval. I still remember the moment I told my mother, I was really nervous thinking she would refuse _____(3) give me permission, but she immediately loved the idea, and she even offered _____(4) help me!

The market is really popular and now runs every Sunday _____(5) it's pouring with rain. Anybody can join in provided _____(6) they can think of something to sell. At the beginning I thought I could sell some of my artwork, but then I realised I need more practice, so I decided I'd _____(7) make jewellery to sell at the market.

I think having a teen market is a brilliant idea! If only I _____(8) heard about it when my friend was visiting. She loves markets!



The house of the future

Anyone can build their own home _____(1) that they have land and money. But that might all change with printable houses. In _____(2) this sounds like fiction, it's already a fact thanks to 3D printing. A company in Russia claims to _____(3) printed a house in less than a day!

This isn't just clever technology, it's a way of addressing the housing crisis, and _____(4) we find more sustainable ways of building homes, the crisis will only get worse. As _____(5) as people continue to move to urban areas, land will become increasingly limited.

And what would happen _____(6) you already have a house and you want to move? That's easy, but only _____(7) condition that you find the right house. Scientists believe _____(8) in about ten years time we will be able to just take our house with you thanks to movable houses!

So future families who say, "I _____(9) I could build my own house," or "If only we _____(10) not come here, I want to move" won't need a builder, but a printer.

Come and hang out round my place

Have you ever seen a skyscraper that's not rooted in the ground? Architects in New York are considering building a skyscraper that hangs down from an asteroid. If I _____(1) not seen it reported in several places, I might have thought it was a joke!

Named Analemma, if it is ever constructed, it _____(2) be the tallest building ever made. And it will travel thousands of miles a day, _____(3) the weather conditions don't permit it.

So, as _____(4) as we all have a head of heights, could this be the housing of the future? Part of me thinks it sounds amazing and I wish they _____(5) build it soon. But the rest of me wants to keep my feet on planet Earth. However, I won't apologise _____(6) leaving Earth if this plan is ever carried out!

