

Andrew Carter

When Andrew Carter was offered the position of Senior European Sales Manager in a large, successful multinational corporation, he **A21** _____ at the chance. One of the main reasons for his immediate acceptance was the opportunity for a large amount of foreign travel. He could see himself relaxing in a café by the Seine after a hard day's business, before jetting **A22** _____ to an important meeting the next morning in Prague. How romantic it all seemed.

And yet now, only eight months after his first day in the job, how different his emotions were. For Andrew Carter was experiencing what many international business travellers had experienced before him, and will experience for years to come, that a life **A23** _____ on planes and in hotels is lonely, dull and exhausting.

He longed to be back at home, and dreamt of the simple pleasures of having someone to watch television with, of being asked how his day was. As he lay on the bed in his luxurious, yet strangely soulless hotel room, he **A24** _____ the empty evening ahead of him. 'What's the **A25** _____,' he asked himself, as he had done so many times, 'of going out this evening? I won't talk to anyone. I won't have anyone to enjoy it with. Every city's the same when you're alone.'

Not wanting to sit alone at a table in the hotel restaurant, he decided to have his evening meal delivered to his room by room service. Leafing through the menu, Andrew was

A26 _____ by another desire – for some simple, home-cooked food. He sighed.

And then he thought the unthinkable. 'I don't have to **A27** _____ on like this,' he said out loud. 'I'm still young. My whole life's ahead of me. I could quit my job and do something I really enjoy. So what if I don't make so much money? Money isn't everything.'

It would take several years, and a number of **A28** _____ starts, but finally Andrew Carter did leave his highly-paid position. He was scared, but for the first time in his life he was truly content.

A21	1) took	2) jumped	3) seized	4) had
A22	1) by	2) forward	3) up	4) off
A23	1) spent	2) paid	3) passed	4) taken
A24	1) dreaded	2) distrusted	3) depressed	4) disappointed
A25	1) theme	2) topic	3) point	4) subject
A26	1) attacked	2) smashed	3) knocked	4) struck
A27	1) live	2) go	3) move	4) continue
A28	1) false	2) fake	3) artificial	4) forged