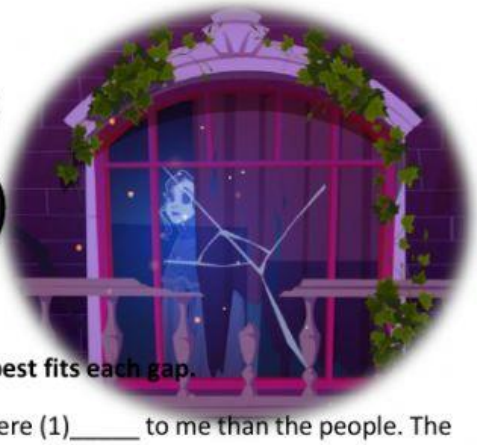
GHOSTS



For questions 1- 12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B. C or D) best fits each gap.

When I was a little girl I lived in a castle in Scotland, and the ghosts there were (1)_____ to me than the people. The people were bossy and changeable and confused me. The ghosts, on the other hand, were always calm. They whispered their way along the dark corridors of the castle and rarely appeared in the lives of the living. My mother couldn't understand why the servants were (2)_____ of the ghosts. She would watch (3)_____ maid running in panic down the drive to the main road, and sadly say, 'I can never get them to understand that the ghosts won't hurt them. If only they (4)_____ a poor thing what it wants next time they see one.'

We were told again and again that if we found ourselves face to face with a ghost we must ask it what it wanted. 'They're worried, poor things,' my mother would explain in her soft voice. 'Ask them if there is anything you can do for them. And for God's sake don't be frightened. After all, they're family so there's nothing to be frightened of.' So, (5)_____ a child, I was never scared of the ghosts. But I didn't go out of my way to meet them (6)_____. I respected their privacy, as they respected (7)_____.

There were four main ghosts in the castle. The quietest was an old man who (8) _____ sit reading in the library; he was so peaceful that you could be in the room for several minutes without even noticing that he was there, but as soon as you did notice he would softly disappear. The woman in a long grey dress was no more trouble; she would come through the cupboard of the (9)_____ bedroom and bend over, checking to see if the little ones were sleeping peacefully. Equally quiet was the woman who regularly appeared in a loft in the tower; her only fault was she did not know that the room (10)_____ into a bathroom. The red-haired young man on the stairs, however, was not (11)_____ quiet. He loved parties, and turned up for every celebration. Evening dress for men had changed little for over a hundred years, so he did not look out of place in his kilt, long socks, white shirt and (12)_____ jacket. You could see and hear him in the tower on non-party nights as well, laughing with his friends as he ran lightly up and down the stairs.

Often, after I moved to a room in the tower, I would lie awake in the dark, with the blankets pulled high under my chin, listening to the ghosts. But I never could make out what it was that they said.

1	A realer	B the most real	C more real	D the realest
2	A fright	B frighten	C frightened	D frightening
3	A another	B other	C others	D the other
4	A would ask	B asked	C had asked	D ask
5	A as if	B as	C like	D as though
6	A as well as	B either	C neither	D too
7	A them	B I	C my	D mine
8	A used to	B uses to	C got used to	D was used to
9	A baby's	B babies'	C babies's	D baby
10	A was converted	B had been converted	C had converted	D converted
11	A so	B such	C such a	D such an
12	A silver nice leather	B leather nice silver	C nice leather silver	D nice silver leather