



Choose the correct item.

A QUIET HOUSE

It was April and John Moore was studying for an important examination. As the date of the exam **1** _____ nearer, he decided to go somewhere and read by himself.

He did not want the amusements of the seaside, or the beauties of the countryside. He decided to find a quiet, little town and work there undisturbed. He **2** _____ his suitcase with clothes and books. Then he looked in a railway timetable for a town that he did not know. He found one, and bought a ticket to go there. He did not tell anyone where he was going. After all, he did not want to be **3** _____.

That is how Moore arrived at Benchurch. It was a market town, and once a week it was quite busy for a few hours. The rest of the time it was a very quiet and sleepy place. Moore spent his first night at the only hotel in the town. The landlady was very kind and helpful, but the hotel was not really quiet enough for him. The second day he started **4** _____ for a house to rent.

There was only one place that he liked. It was more than quiet – it was deserted and very lonely. It was a big, old seventeenth-century house. It had barred windows like a prison, and a high brick wall all around it. It would be hard to **5** _____ a more unwelcoming place. But it suited Moore perfectly. He went to find the local lawyer, who was responsible for the house.

Mr. Carnford, the lawyer, was very happy to rent the house to him. "I'd be glad to let you have it free," he said, ". It's been empty so long that people have started to **6** _____ a lot of foolish stories about it. You'll be able to prove that the stories are wrong.

Moore didn't think it was necessary to ask the lawyer for more details of the foolish stories. He paid his rent, and Mr. Carnford gave him the name of an old servant to **7** _____ him. He came away from the lawyer with the keys of the house in his pocket.

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| 1. | 1. moved | 2. appeared | 3. drew | 4. entered |
| 2. | 1. wrapped | 2. packed | 3. piled | 4. laid |
| 3. | 1. interfered | 2. bothered | 3. intervened | 4. helped |
| 4. | 1. Looking | 2. skimming | 3. exploring | 4. finding |
| 5. | 1. understand | 2. know | 3. seek | 4. imagine |
| 6. | 1. spread | 2. promote | 3. gossip | 4. extend |
| 7. | 1. look about | 2. look after | 3. look around | 4. look at |

