

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SOUVENIR?



On my desk at home, I have a collection of souvenirs; objects that remind me of places I've visited and important events in my life. These objects include a model boat that I saw being (1) _____ from a piece of wood on a Caribbean island, a piece of lava that (2) _____ hot from a volcano in the year I was born, and a shell (3) _____ on my favourite childhood beach.

(4) _____ everything else, from which memory and detail fades, it is as the longer you hold on to certain objects, the (5) _____ their associations with the past become, and the sharper the recollections that gather around them. They are, (6) _____, real souvenirs, encapsulations not only of the place, but of your time in the place. But these days, the term "real souvenirs" sounds like a contradiction in (7) _____, and this is because the objects sold to tourists as souvenirs are often cheap mass-produced imports that have nothing to (8) _____ with the place at all.

It is often the (9) _____ that the best souvenirs, like my shell, are found rather than purchased, but (10) _____ for souvenirs can also be a fun holiday activity. But if you are buying souvenirs on holiday this summer, make sure they (11) _____ the reality test. A good souvenir is not just made in the area where it is bought, it also says something about the culture of that area. It is something made by local people using sustainable local materials, and because you are effectively supporting the local economy, it shouldn't (12) _____ too cheap.

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| 1. A) sketched | B) carved | C) remember | D) commemorate |
| 2. A) developed | B) appeared | C) emerged | D) arrived |
| 3. A) found out | B) bumped into | C) come across | D) picked up |
| 4. A) Opposite | B) Dissimilar | C) Unlike | D) Different |
| 5. A) wider | B) greater | C) larger | D) harder |
| 6. A) albeit | B) otherwise | C) whereas | D) therefore |
| 7. A) terms | B) meanings | C) words | D) names |
| 8. A) gain | B) do | C) make | D) get |
| 9. A) point | B) fact | C) case | D) truth |
| 10. A) browsing | B) seeking | C) surfing | D) pursuing |
| 11. A) win | B) take | C) beat | D) pass |
| 12. A) come | B) charge | C) go | D) cost |

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