



Choose the correct item.

THE BEST STONE IN THE WORLD

In 1769, George and Eleanor Coade bought a factory, manufacturing artificial stone in southeast London on a (1) _____ at Pedlar's Acre, south (2) _____ the river. The family were (3) _____ running a successful factory in the south-west of England.

Within a year of moving (4) _____ the capital, George Coade died, leaving his wife and daughter to (5) _____ on the business. The Coade Stone they perfected (6) _____ to become the most permanent stone ever made.

The product developed by the factory's former (7) _____, Richard Holt, was a kind of baked clay. The two women (8) _____ with his recipe, and (9) _____ in creating a new kind of stone which was almost a hundred per cent weather-proof.

The advantage of Coade Stone is that while natural stone slowly breaks down and erodes away, Coade Stone seems to be (10) _____ to survive in all weather conditions for many years. The National Gallery, the Royal Opera House and Buckingham Palace (11) _____ display their original ornaments made of Coade Stone. (12) _____ mother and daughter were clever businesswomen. They (13) _____ only the top artists of the day to model their stone into statues and other ornaments. After the deaths of Eleanor Coade and her daughter the factory survived for twenty years but in 1840, it (14) _____ closed. With it went the Coade Stone recipe which was (15) _____, and has never been rediscovered.

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| 1. | 1. plot | 2. ground | 3. place | 4. territory |
| 2. | 1. to | 2. of | 3. from | 4. than |
| 3. | 1. yet | 2. however | 3. just | 4. already |
| 4. | 1. on | 2. to | 3. in | 4. at |
| 5. | 1. go | 2. get | 3. run | 4. carry |
| 6. | 1. was | 2. had | 3. would | 4. claimed |
| 7. | 1. tenant | 2. owner | 3. possessor | 4. landlord |
| 8. | 1. tried | 2. tested | 3. experienced | 4. experimented |
| 9. | 1. managed | 2. succeeded | 3. achieved | 4. completed |
| 10. | 1. able | 2. capable | 3. possible | 4. good |
| 11. | 1. only | 2. just | 3. still | 4. yet |
| 12. | 1. Either | 2. Both | 3. Each | 4. Also |
| 13. | 1. worked | 2. staffed | 3. teamed | 4. employed |
| 14. | 1. lastly | 2. finally | 3. at last | 4. in the end |
| 15. | 1. lost | 2. left | 3. missing | 4. disappeared |

