

La Belle Monique: Multiple Choice Grammar Test

You can see the movie titles now: 'Passion and Pursuit on the Motorway', 'Jealousy of the Long Distance Lorry Driver'; or, as one French paper had it, 'Rodeo on the Autoroute'. In a terrifying but farcical scenario, two lorry drivers fought a motorway duel in their 38-ton vehicles over a course of more than 60 miles in the Auvergne, south-west France: a furious chase at 80mph which ended with one man in hospital, (1) _____ in jail and blood all over the road. The cause? La belle Monique, wife of driver number 1, who was riding in the cab of driver number 2.

The story began with Joel Andre, 31, and apparently well known (2) _____ a tough guy, leaving home in Clermont-Ferrand early in the morning and driving peacefully towards Saint Etienne. Observing all the rules of the road, he was keeping well to the right when he saw the driver of a lorry behind (3) _____ to overtake him. When it drew level, Joel glanced into the cabin and saw, to his stupefaction, his wife Monique, (4) _____ he imagined safe at home in bed, sitting next to the driver, who (5) _____ out to be Patrick Monron, 47.

Monique paled, Joel turned purple with rage and put his foot down, (6) _____ his horrified rival tried desperately to escape. First on the motorway, then on the Route Nationale, they engaged in a mad and dangerous chase through the Puy-de-Dome, across the Upper Loire and then the Loire itself, passing and repassing each other and forcing other motorists off the road until they finally crashed into each other. That was not the end.

The knights of the road climbed out and continued the battle with (7) _____ weapons they could find - a crowbar and the handle of an axe. It was a bloody struggle: one duellist (Patrick) had his arm (8) _____ to shreds and the other had deep head wounds. Honour still unsatisfied, they got back into their lorries and were off again, this time trying to edge each other into a deep ravine that fell away at one side of the road. But Patrick, the adulterer, (9) _____ so much blood that he passed out, and Monique, who had stayed in his cab all the time, had to take the wheel. She managed to stop the truck and call the police, fire brigade and an ambulance. Yesterday Patrick was in hospital and Joel in prison. History (10) _____ whether Monique is at bedside or bars.

The film rights are presumably still available.

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#	A	B	C	D
1	the other	other	another	others
2	as	like	so	such a
3	to pull out	pull out	pulled out	being pulled out
4	whom	whose	who	who's
5	took	got	pulled	turned
6	in case	so as to	while	unless
7	which	what's	what	that
8	cuts	cut	cutting	to cut
9	had lost	has lost	was lost	losing
10	do not record	is not recorded	did not record	does not record

Happy Hobbyists: Multiple Choice Grammar Test

Having a hobby to keep you busy in your spare time is one thing, but (1) _____ take the activity you love and turn it into your full-time, money-making job is something very different - and entirely possible. Faze tracked down four "happy hobbyists" who turned their hobbies into full time work - (2) _____ successful, money-making businesses out of what they love to do best.

Barbie's Basement Jewellery is the place (3) _____ for funky, colourful pop rings, pendants, chokers, broaches and belt buckles; all inspired by a variety of cult movies and pop icons. Robin Woodward, the founder and creative energy behind this new-age pop art, shaped her long-time hobby into a real career when she lost her full-time job and had to find something else to pay the bills.

"I realized I wanted to make jewellery when a friend of (4) _____ turned to me and asked, 'If you could do anything, what would it be?' Robin confesses. "It was all I wanted to do." So she started to make the rounds at small craft shows and outdoor fairs, showcasing and selling her work.

"Starting small is important," she advises, "especially when you lack experience; that's how you learn." Starting small, but determined to make her business bigger, Robin realized that she had to take a self-employment course to learn (5) _____ about how to run a real company. "The small business course taught me business basics and gave me a headspace to take myself seriously (6) _____ a businesswoman." In only seven years, Robin and her partner, Ange Beever, have hundreds of products sold in independent stores across Canada, the United States, Hungary and Japan.

	A	B	C	D
1	being able to	be able to	is able to	to be able to
2	create	created	to be created	creating
3	goes	going	go	to go
4	my	mine	me	myself
5	many	the more	more	most of
6	such	as	like	of