



ACTIVITIES

LISTENING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

PRACTICE 1

Complete the story by listening to the audio file and filling in the blanks (1 -10) with the missing word. The words are given in the vocabulary bank.

Play audio

click the icon



crack nervous inspect couple inheritance decided

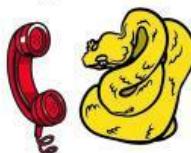
shook haunted scared locking rumours



THE VINDER VIPER

[1] Years ago, a man inherited a house from his great uncle who died in the war. The house sat on a hill outside of town in the next state and (1) _____ were told that it was (2) _____. The man traveled to the town to (3) _____ the house and found that it was a wonderful old mansion in great condition, but very, very old. So, he (4) _____ to move in and enjoy his (5) _____.

[2] A (6) _____ weeks after he moved in, late at night, the phone rang. When he answered it, a voice said, "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there in 2 weeks!" and then it hung up before he could say anything. This really (7) _____ the man. The next day, he searched the Internet under 'snakes' for 'vinder viper' but found nothing.



[3] A week past with no concerns and again, late one night, the phone rang. "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there in 1 week!" and hung up. This made the man quite (8) _____, not knowing what a vinder viper was. He asked around the town, and no one had ever heard of any such viper.

[4] Four days later, late at night, the phone rang. "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there in 2 days!" The man is getting much more concerned now.

[5] The next night, the phone rang. "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there tomorrow!" Needless to say, the man is just plain (9) _____ now.

[6] The next evening, the phone rang. "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there in 1 hour!" The man tries to leave, but his car battery is dead.

[7] Nearly an hour later, the phone rang. "I am the Vinder Viper. I will be there in 2 minutes!" The man runs around (10) _____ all the windows and doors and calls 911. The police are on their way.

[8] Soon, there was a knock at the door. The man opened the door a (11) _____ and asked, "Is that the police?"

[9] "No, I am the vinder viper. I come every month to vash and vipe your windows."



PRACTICE 2

Listen to the audio file again and answer the following questions.

1. Who owned the house before Caleb?
 - a. His father
 - b. His uncle
 - c. His cousin
2. Where is Caleb's house located?
 - a. By the seashore
 - b. In a small town
 - c. On a hill outside of town
3. Why did Caleb call the police?
 - a. The house was haunted.
 - b. Someone stole his car.
 - c. He was afraid of a dangerous snake.
4. Why couldn't Caleb leave the house when he was afraid?
 - a. He couldn't start his car.
 - b. The weather was bad.
 - c. He had nowhere to go.