

# Describing Movement

**A** Read the stories about childhood memories. Choose the best option (a, b, or c).

## An icy walk

Where I grew up, it got very cold in the winter. Sometimes it was -25°C! My father was the one who would always go with my brother and me <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the river and <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the village to the elementary school. We were always very punctual, even in the middle of the winter, when we had to walk <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ through the deep snow in our big boots and waterproof ski pants. I'll always remember one day when the road was covered in ice. We tried to go <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the hill to school, but we kept falling down, again and again. Finally, we got down on our hands and knees and crawled <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the side of the road. At the time, I thought it was so much fun. We pretended to be baby bears following the big daddy bear. In the end, we arrived just on time!

- 1** a through      b into      c over
- 2** a under      b through      c up
- 3** a slowly      b quickly      c easily
- 4** a across      b along      c up
- 5** a along      b away      c over

## A spy in training

When I was a kid, my grandparents would send me <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the street to the corner store to buy things—usually small, simple items like milk, coffee, or salt. I always agreed because I knew they would give me a little extra money to buy candy. I would <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the street quickly, my mind on candy. After I bought the items, I would <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ back home slowly, enjoying every second of my sweet reward. But my memory wasn't very good and I would often forget to buy something or buy the wrong item. My grandparents of course sent me <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ back to the store. But I used to feel embarrassed. So I would change my clothes and <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ my hair carefully into a new hairstyle. That way the cashier would think I was a different boy.

- 6** a through      b across      c under
- 7** a cross      b jump      c turn
- 8** a run      b walk      c catch
- 9** a well      b fast      c straight
- 10** a brush      b cut      c clean

## Too good to be true

It's a funny story, but I didn't think it was funny at the time. When my parents woke me up in the morning, I was always in a terrible mood. I would <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ out of bed very slowly, complaining I was tired and asking repeatedly, "Do I have to go to school today?" I knew the answer, but I kept asking anyway. But one day I got a different answer. My father told me I could stay at home if I got out of bed <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and cleaned my room. I jumped into action, picking up all my toys <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and making my bed. I even organized the papers and books on my desk. When I proudly walked <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen, my father told me it was *Dia da Mentira*, which is what we call April Fool's Day in Brazil, the day when people play tricks on each other for fun. I was so annoyed I took my breakfast and walked <sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the front door. I ate my cereal outside on the stairs, where I could be alone. I still had 30 minutes before I had to leave for school.

- 11** a run      b sleep      c get
- 12** a immediately      b slowly      c terribly
- 13** a playfully      b quickly      c slowly
- 14** a into      b out      c over
- 15** a out      b in      c across