

1) Complete the story with the words given. There are two extra words.

dreary, unwary, weary, enervating, discerning, downcast, opinionated, habitual, intrepid, perilous, judicious, sublime

Tom was feeling a bit _____(1). The trip had been his idea and he'd done all the driving, but the others were treating it as just another day out. The road stretched ahead of them, its winding course through the mountains. But this wasn't a brochure; it was real life. He gazed at the view and wished that he could capture its essence to show people back home. You couldn't do that with a photo, though. They'd have to take his word for it. Or better still, come and see for themselves.

The car came to a halt. 'Let's stop here,' said Jenny. 'It looks like a great place for a picnic.' Tom's heart sank. It was only eleven o'clock and they'd only driven about 50 km since leaving the hotel. At this rate they'd be lucky to make it to the end of the valley by nightfall.

They were an _____(2) group, used to long hikes in the mountains, but _____(3) after their early start, the others weren't interested in any more exercise. Jenny opened the cooler box and produced a selection of cheese and cold meats, all of which she had chosen with her usual _____(4) eye. She handed him a crusty loaf of bread.

'You're looking a bit fed up,' she said. 'What's the matter?' Tom hesitated. Should he tell her? She was always so _____(5) with her advice, but maybe this time she wouldn't understand. In fact, maybe nobody would. They were all experienced travellers, but they were also city slickers. They knew nothing about the dangers of picking up hitchhikers, especially not in this part of the world where, according to a recent news report, an _____(6) tourist had been murdered. No doubt about it: they were _____(7) thumb-a-lifters and they were heading straight into _____(8) territory.

Tom sighed. It was going to be a long, _____(9) day. He'd have to find some way of _____(10) his companions' enthusiasm for their next adventure if he was to avoid being murdered in cold blood. But how? And when? The sooner the better, that was for sure.

2) Rephrase the parts of the sentence:

1. The decision was made **without bias**.
2. I **can't remember** ever meeting that person before.
3. Let's **lower** our expectations to avoid disappointment.

4. The company is **close to** bankruptcy if sales don't improve.
5. He refused to attend the event **because** he had other commitments.
6. It's easy to **lose track of time and be too excited** when shopping during a sale.
7. We had to **pay a sum of** money for the repairs.
8. I decided to bring an umbrella **just to be cautious**.
9. Some people **enjoy challenges** while others prefer routine.
10. She had to **push people aside** to get to the front of the queue.
11. As a team leader, you must **take on the** responsibility.
12. It's time to **face reality** and admit your mistakes.
13. The manager will **be responsible for** any mistakes made by the team.
14. She was willing to **fight fiercely** for her right to a fair trial.