

Task 1

- You are going to read about a legend connected to the Tower of London. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-8).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



THE SIX RAVENS

If anything characterizes the British, it is how they respect and preserve their traditions and legends. One of these (0) _____ (*fascinate*) legends is the story of the six ravens at the Tower of London.

The legend, and with it the tradition, was born during the reign of Charles II (1630-1685). The king's (1) _____ (*astronomy*) wanted to remove all the ravens from the Tower. These birds spent all day flying around, making it (2) _____ (*possible*) for him to observe the sky with his telescope. But King Charles II thought it would be bad luck to scare or kill the ravens. To ensure the (3) _____ (*protect*) of these birds Charles II ruled that there should always be at (4) _____ (*little*) six ravens inhabiting the Tower.

One of the first (5) _____ (*describe*) of the Tower of London's ravens appeared in a novel by a Japanese writer, *The Tower of London*. He wrote that those executed in the Tower were turned into ravens. It is a fabulous dark story that adds to the (6) _____ (*magic*) of the place.

Today, the ravens are (7) _____ (*register*) as 'soldiers' of the Kingdom, and, thus, can be expelled from the Tower if they misbehave. This happened to Raven George, who was fired in 1986 for (8) _____ (*attack*) TV antennas; he was taken to the Zoological Park of Wales.

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Task 2

- You are going to read a joke about the smart Navajo people. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (9-17) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



NASA AND THE NAVAJO

When NASA was working on the Apollo Project, it took the astronauts to (0) _____ Navajo reservation in Arizona for training. One day, a Navajo elder and his son (9) _____ across the space crew, who were walking among the rocks.

The elder, who (10) _____ only Navajo, asked a question. His son translated for the NASA people: "What are these guys in the big suits doing?" One of the astronauts said they were preparing to go (11) _____ a trip to the moon. The Navajo elder got all excited and asked (12) _____ it would be possible to send a message to the moon.

Recognizing a promotional opportunity, a NASA official said, "Certainly!" and took out a tape recorder. The Navajo elder's comments into the microphone (13) _____ brief. The NASA official asked the son to translate (14) _____ his father had said. The son laughed heartily (15) _____ he refused to translate.

So the NASA people took the tape to a nearby Navajo village and played (16) _____ for other members of the tribe. They laughed long, too, but also refused to translate the message. Eventually, an official government translator was called. After he finally (17) _____ laughing, he translated the message: "Watch out for these guys! They've come to steal your land."

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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about a Chinese-born American artist. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (18-25) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



BAMBI ARTIST DIES AGED 106

Tyrus Wong, the artist (0) _____ works inspired the Disney film Bambi, has died aged 106.

A Chinese immigrant, Mr Wong's vibrant paintings captured Walt Disney's eye and (18) _____ the film's unique style. In a statement, the Walt Disney Museum said "his impact on the artistic composition of the animated feature Bambi (19) _____ be praised enough."

Mr Wong immigrated to the United States from China (20) _____ a child. After studying as an artist, he began working with Disney in 1938, (21) _____ hundreds of pictures between poses to create the illusion of motion.

"Walt Disney saw that Tyrus (22) _____ produce admirable artwork that did not necessarily look like the forest - but rather, felt like the forest. Walt's vision for Bambi and use of Tyrus' work still (23) _____ films today," the statement said.

After retiring, he created (24) _____ beautiful bamboo kites, and became the subject of a documentary about his life. The documentary's director said "With his passing, we (25) _____ a brilliant artist, Chinese American pioneer, and hero."

(www.bbc.co.uk)

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- 19) **A** must not **B** will not **C** should not **D** cannot
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- 21) **A** drawing **B** when drew **C** drawn **D** drew
- 22) **A** can **B** had to **C** ought **D** was able to
- 23) **A** introduces **B** identifies **C** influences **D** includes
- 24) **A** plenty **B** lot of **C** dozens **D** hundreds of
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