

Complete each gap with one suitable word.

The largest model railroad in the world, Northlandz, took 16 years to build.

(0) _____ has 100 trains, 400 bridges, and 3,000 miniature buildings.

It began (9) _____ a hobby, but the world's biggest model railroad is now much more than that. It features more (10) _____ eight miles of track and 100 trains, as well as almost 400 bridges. Northlandz, in Flemington, New Jersey, is miniature but (11) _____ is anything but small-scale. The spectacle contains 3,000 buildings in cities and villages, 50,000 trees and 40-foot bridges spanning huge canyons.

The owner and creator is Bruce Williams Zaccagnino, who not (12) _____ built the 52,000 sq ft building in which it is housed but also designed and handcrafted almost all of (13) _____ remarkably lifelike scenery.

'There's nothing like it,' he said. 'Visitors come out saying it's one (14) _____ the Wonders of the World.' Bruce loved model trains as a kid but it wasn't until he was married that he started to build models in his basement. His hobby got so (15) _____ of control that he then added five extra basements to his home (16) _____ order to house his collection until he finally raised the money to create Northlandz.

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Complete the gaps with the proper forms of the words in brackets.

New Year's resolutions have a long history. The Babylonians promised to return

(0) _____ (*borrow*) objects and repay their debts at the (1) _____ (*begin*) of each year, while the Romans started January by making a vow to the god Janus (from whom the month takes its name). That means we've had centuries of (2) _____ (*break*) promises.

"I think the main reason why new year's resolutions fail is that people are rather (3) _____ (*realistic*)," says Benjamin Gardner, an expert in behaviour change at King's College London. "If you're not doing any exercise and set (4) _____ (*you*) the goal of going to the gym five times a week for half an hour, you're probably not going to achieve it. The other reason is that people are not (5) _____ (*necessary*) ready to change."

Psychologists at the College recently proposed that, for something positive to happen, people must have the capability, opportunity and (6) _____ (*motivate*) to make it happen. "Often people aren't making resolutions for the right reasons," says Gardner: "They think that because it's New Year, they're (7) _____ (*expect*) to say they'll change their behaviour. But once they (8) _____ (*real*) the difficulty of what they're doing, they give up because they aren't motivated enough in the first place."

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