

Exercise 3: Đọc câu chuyện sau và điền mạo từ thích hợp vào chỗ trống.

1. There was _____ knock on _____ door. I opened it and found _____ small dark man in _____ blue overcoat and _____ woolen cap.
2. He said he was _____ employee of _____ gas company and had come to read _____ meter.
3. But I had _____ suspicion that he wasn't speaking _____ truth because _____ meterreaders usually wear _____ peaked caps.
4. However, I took him to _____ meter, which is in _____ dark corner under _____ stairs.
5. I asked if he had _____ torch; he said he disliked torches and always read _____ meters by _____ light of _____ match.
6. I remarked that if there was _____ leak in _____ gas pipe there might be _____ explosion while he was reading _____ meter.
7. He said, "As _____ matter of _____ fact, there was _____ explosion in _____ last house I visited; and Mr. Smith, _____ owner of _____ house, was burnt in _____ face."
8. "Mr. Smith was holding _____ lighted match at _____ time of _____ explosion."
9. To prevent _____ possible repetition of this accident, I lent him _____ torch.
10. He switched on _____ torch, read _____ meter and wrote reading down on _____ back of _____ envelope.
11. I said in _____ surprise that _____ meter readers usually put _____

readings down in _____ book.

12. He said that he had had _____ book but that it had been burnt in _____ fire in _____ Mr. Smith's house.

13. By this time I had come to _____ conclusion that he wasn't _____ genuine meter reader; and _____ moment he left _____ house I rang _____ police.