

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

For questions 1–8, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each gap.

A visitor at the beach house

The family had hoped for a peaceful Halloween by the sea, but their plans were interrupted by a sudden (1) _____ at the door. Outside stood a man (2) _____ in a clown costume. He (3) _____ that his little boy, Oliver, had come along with him, although the child was nowhere in (4) _____.

At first, the family (5) _____ the stranger's behaviour down to a Halloween joke. However, they soon had the uncomfortable (6) _____ that something was wrong. The visitor's manner grew increasingly (7) _____, and the family became determined to find (8) _____ what he really wanted.

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| 1 | A knock | B beat | C strike | D crash |
| 2 | A worn | B dressed | C covered | D put |
| 3 | A announced | B claimed | C explained | D advised |
| 4 | A view | B vision | C sight | D look |
| 5 | A made | B set | C put | D took |
| 6 | A feeling | B thought | C sense | D meaning |
| 7 | A alarming | B alarm | C alarmed | D alarmingly |
| 8 | A up | B over | C in | D out |

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

For questions 9–16, write ONE word in each gap.

The invisible companion

The beach house (9) _____ unusually quiet that evening. Everything changed (10) _____ a mysterious visitor appeared. The man, (11) _____ was wearing clown make-up, had arrived (12) _____ someone he called Oliver. Yet there was (13) _____ sign of a child standing beside him. The clown insisted (14) _____ his son was right there. He spoke as (15) _____ Oliver could hear every word. The family began to wonder (16) _____ the stranger was hiding from them.