Listen to the 5 short situations and fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.

Situation 1: Learning Chinese

Man: I'm thinking about taking up Chinese, but it's very hard to learn, isn't it?

Woman: Well, if you just want to learn **(1)** _____, then it's not that bad. So, I'd recommend you do what I did and forget writing until you can speak. The **(2)** _____ for me has been learning the sounds, but that's true for most learners. Once I had some idea of how words are pronounced, the rest was much more **(3)** _____. For example, Chinese doesn't have articles and the **(4)** _____ is simpler than most European languages.

Situation 2: Workplace Dynamics

Man: How do you get on with your new colleagues?

Woman: Um, it's not like in my last job. There, it was completely different. It was hard to get anything done because there was so much **(5)** _____. It's much easier to **(6)** _____ here, and I prefer that. Although, the atmosphere in the office isn't as much fun. It's not that they're unfriendly, it's just they're a lot more **(7)** _____. They don't like being **(8)** _____ from what they're doing. So, in the office, I'd only ever bring up something that's related to the project we're working on.

Situation 3: Solo Travel

Woman: You don't prefer traveling alone to traveling with someone else, do you? I'm not sure I'd like it.

Man: Oh, it's fine, really. I like the fact that you don't have to **(9)** _____ about where to go or what to eat. You can make all the **(10)** _____. The only thing is that when you come back, you haven't got anyone to talk to about the trip. And it's nice to have someone to **(11)** _____ with.

Woman: What about if you're feeling ill or when things go wrong?

Man: Well, you meet people while you're traveling, and someone's always there to help you **(12)** _____. People are generally very kind.

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Situation 4: Post-Graduation Plans

Woman: So, do you have any idea what you might do when you leave university?

Man: I've been considering doing a **(13)** _____ and getting a job with a **(14)** _____, but I'm **(15)** _____ about it. Perhaps I'm not quite ready for that yet. I'd like to get more experience first of working with **(16)** _____ somewhere like Borneo.

Situation 5: Phone Message Before an Interview

Woman: Listen. I'm really sorry, but I won't be able to get home to pick you up as I've been **(17)** _____ in a meeting. But don't worry because everything's **(18)** _____. I've got a taxi booked at 2:00 to take you to the station. There's some money on the shelf in the **(19)** _____ to pay the fare. So, you will be ready, won't you? And don't forget to clean your shoes... If I don't see you before your **(20)** _____, just do your best and try to relax. Well, good luck

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