When Emma first met Daniel Reed, she was struck by (1) .....carefully he listened.

Most tutors interrupted. Daniel (2)..... He allowed her to finish, even when she struggled to find the right word, and only then suggested a better expression. He had an unhurried manner and a dry sense of humour that made the lessons feel more(3)..... conversations than classes.

Emma had found him through a recommendation at work. She was preparing for a promotion and wanted to become more confident speaking English in meetings. Daniel specialised in business communication and taught from his apartment three evenings a week.

For the first few weeks, everything seemed perfectly ordinary.

Then, almost casually, Daniel began asking personal questions.

“Do you live alone?”

Emma looked up (4)..... her notebook.

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“Yes.”

“Must be convenient.”

She smiled politely. “Sometimes.”

He nodded and moved on.

A week later, he mentioned seeing her in town.

“You were near the pharmacy on Tuesday,
(5)..... you?”

Emma frowned.

“Yes. How did you know?”

“I happened to be there.”

The explanation was plausible, (6)..... something about his tone made her uncomfortable.

The following lesson, he referred to the bus she usually took home.

“The forty-one, isn’t it?”

Emma stopped writing.

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“I’ve never told you that.”

Daniel looked surprised.

“I’m sure you (7).....”

“I didn’t.”

(8)..... a brief silence, he smiled.

“Perhaps I’m mistaken.”

Emma tried to dismiss the incident. Malta was small, and coincidences happened. But she soon noticed other things.

Daniel knew she usually worked late on Thursdays. He knew (9).....café she sometimes visited after work. Once, he asked why she had changed her route home.

When she confronted him, he seemed genuinely offended.

“You’re imagining things,” he said. “I’ve simply been observant.”

That word stayed with her.

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Two days later, Emma received an email.

Don’t take the bus home tonight.

There was no explanation.

She replied:

Why?

Nothing came back.

Instead, she stayed at work until nearly ten and took a taxi home.

The entrance (10)..... her apartment was open.

She stood outside, staring at the doorway. She was almost certain she had locked it that morning.

Inside, everything appeared normal. Nothing seemed to be missing, but she checked (11)..... room before going to bed.

At midnight, she heard footsteps in the corridor.

They approached her door.

Stopped.

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Three quiet knocks followed.

Emma didn't move.

After thirty seconds, the footsteps receded.

The police found nobody in the building and no evidence that anyone had entered her apartment.

The following morning, Emma cancelled her lessons.

Daniel replied (12)..... minutes.

That's probably wise.

Then another message appeared.

You (13).....have trusted me.

She blocked his number.

Two days later, the police contacted her.

Daniel (14) .....been arrested after another woman reported that he had been following her. During a search (15).....his apartment, officers found photographs of several women, including Emma.

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