

**G R A M M A R**

Complete the article by filling in the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Example: (00) *moving*

**Meeting the King of the Arctic**

*Sara Macefield experiences the icy Greenland wilderness (and its inhabitants)  
on a luxury expedition cruise.*

To the naked eye, it was just a small white blob slowly 00 – (move) between a jumble of rocks. But peering through binoculars, I soon realised that this was the polar bear we 01 – (wait, all) to see. Lumbering lazily across a large boulder, the young male raised his head and yawned sleepily before settling down for a quick nap, oblivious to the excitement he 02 – (spark) across the decks of our ship.

The hiking trip scheduled for that morning 03 – (abandon, swiftly) as the expedition team 04 – (ready) a fleet of Zodiac boats to take us close to shore for a better view. As our boat motored in, we 05 – (instruct) by our guide to keep quiet to avoid 06 – (distract) the bear, now greedily tucking into the carcass of a musk ox. But he knew he 07 – (watch), pausing to sniff the air as a bevy of enthralled cruise passengers headed his way. It was the latest – and some might say the ultimate – thrill of this two-week cruise along the isolated, rugged shores of Greenland aboard luxury expedition ship *Seabourn Venture*.

Adventurous cruising, especially on sumptuous ships like this, 08 – (boom) in recent years, with a string of new vessels 09 – (launch) to take travellers to some of the planet's most remote spots. Ships are smaller, often with only two or three restaurants, and entertainment 10 – (come) in the form of spotting wildlife or exploring remote landscapes rather than extravagant West End shows or water slides. Daily activities 11 – (lead, usually) by an on-board team of expedition guides and range from hikes and Zodiac rides to kayaking trips or helicopter jaunts.

For much of the year, these waterways 12 – (encase) by sea ice, rendering them impassable, but milder summer temperatures bring a brief respite as it starts to thaw, 13 – (enable) ships like ours to gently nudge into the frozen inner sanctum.

Heavier ice floes than usual meant *Seabourn Venture* was the first vessel of the year 14 – (access) the fjords when we arrived in mid-August. Upon entering the sound, we 15 – (reward) with incredible views of this icy wonderland.

*(Adapted from Good Housekeeping, 2023, pp. 200-201)*

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**Total Points: ...../15pt**

## VOCABULARY

Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Sailing in Search of Cherry Blossoms

Immaculately dressed children wave and smile – <u>00</u> –;	<b>SWEET</b>	00 .....sweetly.....
geishas bow, faces white, lips like – <u>01</u> –; taiko drummers	<b>ROSE</b>	01 .....
beat rhythmically and local samurai – <u>02</u> – appear fierce and	<b>WAR</b>	02 .....
friendly at the same time (a skill in – <u>03</u> –). I'm on the deck	<b>IT</b>	03 .....
of Silversea's <i>Silver Muse</i> , sailing into the port of Sakata on the		
Sea of Japan, and we're getting what feels like a state welcome		
(or the closest mere – <u>04</u> – like us ever get to one).	<b>MORTALITY</b>	04 .....
Half the town has lined up by the side of the dock to greet		
us, along with – <u>05</u> –, dressed as the local mascot – a tiger that	<b>VOLUNTARY</b>	05 .....
looks cute rather than terrifying. Known as <i>yuru-chara</i> , these		
characters come in many guises, from giant turnips to – <u>06</u> –	<b>SCARE</b>	06 .....
squids, and we spot them promoting – <u>07</u> – and everything in	<b>WHERE</b>	07 .....
Japan – even the high-tech toilets with heated seats!		
As we – <u>08</u> – to a rousing welcome song, language students	<b>EMBARK</b>	08 .....
keen to practise their English direct us to local – <u>09</u> – and sushi	<b>TEA</b>	09 .....
restaurants; the rice grown here is revered as the best in the country.		
However, our aim is to admire the cherry blossom ( <i>sakura</i> ) in its		
– <u>10</u> – varieties as it reaches a glorious annual peak.	<b>FINITE</b>	10 .....
<i>Hanami</i> – or cherry blossom viewing – is a national pastime		
in Japan and involves – <u>11</u> – enjoying the transient beauty of	<b>MIND</b>	11 .....
these – <u>12</u> – flowers. Shops are filled with pink-hued cakes	<b>ETHER</b>	12 .....
and sweets, and young and old – <u>13</u> – enjoy picnics under	<b>LIKE</b>	13 .....
the blooms.		
In Osaka, the 16 <sup>th</sup> -century castle in the centre of the city is		
– <u>14</u> – and makes my first visit to the land of the rising sun	<b>BREATH</b>	14 .....
feel like I'm in a flower-filled fairy tale.		
One of the best things about sailing with Silversea is the		
excursions included at every port. There's a huge – <u>15</u> –	<b>CHOOSE</b>	15 .....
covering every possible interest, from history to cooking and		
crafting, and you can – <u>16</u> – them online months before you	<b>BOOK</b>	16 .....
sail. All are run like – <u>17</u> – by the experienced cruise director	<b>CLOCK</b>	17 .....
and friendly guides.		
Japan can be confusing and – <u>18</u> –, so getting the	<b>PENETRATE</b>	18 .....
opportunity to meet local experts who eloquently explain		
their culture and history is – <u>19</u> –.	<b>VALUE</b>	19 .....
You can't visit Japan without spending at least a few days		
exploring its – <u>20</u> – capital, a megalopolis full of neon lights,	<b>FUTURE</b>	20 .....
soaring skyscrapers, and streets swarming with people.		

(Adapted from Good Housekeeping, November 2023, pp. 192-193).

Total Points: ...../10pts

**READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the following passage taken from a book by Robert Galbraith. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fit into each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences.

**An extract from Robert Galbraith's book**

- A** who'd been living in Jerusalem Passage
- B** what had got wrong
- C** waving the students off
- D** she hadn't been nearly as drunk as Strike
- E** language alone could remake the world
- F** to cause other people discomfort
- G** attacking her guests
- H** when the students returned to Manchester
- I** she continued to work on her laptop
- J** she really did need to eat something
- K** not to have heard from him
- L** who seemed especially low
- M** being taken for granted in ways

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To Robin's relief, her three guests got up early the next morning because they wanted to spend a full day in London. All were subdued after what Robin thought of as the Nightmare Dinner. She dreaded a tearful plea for forgiveness from Courtney, – 01 –, so Robin faked a cheery briskness she certainly didn't feel, making recommendations for cheap places to eat and good things to see before – 02 –. As Robin was due to run surveillance on Elinor Dean overnight, she'd given Jonathan a spare key, and wasn't sorry that she'd probably still be in Stoke Newington – 03 –, because they intended to catch a mid-morning Sunday train.

Not wanting to be alone with Max, in case he wanted a post-mortem on the previous evening, Robin made herself a voluntary prisoner in her own bedroom all day, where – 04 –, attempting to block out waves of anger towards Strike, and a tearfulness that kept threatening to overcome her. Hard as she tried to concentrate on finding out – 05 – when Margot had disappeared, however, her thoughts kept returning to her partner.

Robin wasn't in the least surprised – 06 –, but was damned if she'd initiate contact. She couldn't in good conscience retract a word of what she'd said after watching him vomit in the gutter, because she was tired of – 07 – Strike didn't recognise.

But as the afternoon wore on, the rain continued to fall outside her window, and while – 08 –, she developed a dull headache. Equal parts of misery and rage dragged at her every time she remembered last night's dinner, and all the things she'd shouted at Strike in the street. She wished she could cry, but the tightness in her chest prevented her doing so. Her anger boiled anew every time she remembered the drunk Strike – 09 –, but then she found herself re-running Courtney and Kyle's arguments in her head. She was sure none of the students had ever brushed up against the ugliness Robin had encountered, not merely under that dark stair in her hall of residence, but during her work with Strike: battered women, death. They didn't want to hear Strike's stories because it was so much more comforting to believe that – 10 –. But none of that made her feel more kindly to her partner: on the contrary, she resented agreeing with him. He'd been looking for someone or something to attack, and it was she who'd paid the price.

*(Adapted from Troubled Blood by Robert Galbraith, pp. 508-509)*

**Total points: ...../10pts**

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**PROGRESSIVE TESTING – phrasal verbs with set**

**Write phrasal verbs with *SET* and explain their meaning. You will score 1 point for every three correct examples.**

*For example:*

*set aside = stop focusing on or considering something*

**L I S T E N I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**You will hear a text about a journey through Canada. Fill in the gaps in the statements (01-05) with one, two, or three words. You will hear the text only once.**

1. Becoming tired of the scenery around can be viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_. (1 word)
2. South Alberta's canyons are famous for having the \_\_\_\_\_ of extinct animals' bones. (2 words)
3. Alongside different symbols of the Blackfoot Nation, human beings are depicted as \_\_\_\_\_. (1 word)
4. Being disguised as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, young men of the tribe threaten herds of animals. (2 words)
5. One \_\_\_\_\_ town, named after the mountainous park near which it is found, is a tourist centre in summer and winter. (1 word)

**Total points: \_\_\_\_\_/5**

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