

## Section two

# Recall Exercises

## Verbs

Complete each of the following passages by supplying the correct form of the verb.

(a) That evening I ..... (*go*) ..... (*have*) dinner with an uncle and aunt of mine. They ..... also ..... (*invite*) another person, a young woman, so that there ..... (*be*) four people at table. The young woman's face ..... (*be*) familiar, but I ..... (*not, can*) ..... (*remember*) where I ..... (*see*) it. I ..... (*be*) quite sure that we ..... (*not, meet*) before. In the course of conversation, however, the young woman ..... (*happen*) ..... (*remark*) that she ..... (*lose*) her purse that afternoon. I at once ..... (*remember*) where I ..... (*see*) her face. She ..... (*be*) the young girl in the photograph, although she ..... (*be*) now much older. Of course she ..... (*be*) very surprised when I ..... (*be able*) ..... (*describe*) her purse to her. Then I ..... (*explain*) that I ..... (*recognise*) her face from the photograph I ..... (*find*) in the purse. (CP2)

(b) The children ..... (*stop*) ..... (*chatter*) as Miss Hughes ..... (*enter*) the classroom. Then they ..... (*stand up*) as one body and ..... (*say*) in a loud chorus:

"Good morning, teacher."

Miss Hughes ..... (*smile*), ..... (*say*) good morning too and ..... (*tell*) the class ..... (*sit down*). At a glance there ..... (*seem*) ..... (*be*) about thirty-five pupils in the class. The majority ..... (*be*) girls. She ..... (*notice*) several intelligent faces. All the pupils ..... (*watch*) her intently, ..... (*wait*) no doubt ..... (*find out*) what sort of a person she ..... (*be*).

"I ..... (*suppose*) you ..... (*want*) ..... (*know*) my name," she ..... (*say*). But before she ..... (*can*) ..... (*tell*) them, someone in the class ..... (*call out*): "It ..... (*be*) Miss Hughes." Everyone ..... (*laugh*). Miss Hughes ..... (*laugh*) too. (CP5)

(c) Helen ..... (*be*) now quite sure that she ..... (*be going*) ..... (*miss*) her train, although she ..... (*be*) not very far from the station. She ..... (*wonder*) what ..... (*do*) when a bus ..... (*come*) into sight, ..... (*go*) in the direction of the station. The bus stop ..... (*be*) not far off, so Helen ..... (*get*) her suitcase out of the taxi and ..... (*run*) towards the

bus, which ..... (*stop*) ..... (*let*) some passengers ..... (*get off*). The bus conductor ..... (*see*) her ..... (*run*) and ..... (*not, ring*) the bell for the bus ..... (*start*) until she ..... (*get on*). Helen ..... (*reach*) the station just in time and ..... (*manage*) ..... (*catch*) her train after all. But if she ..... (*wait for*) the taxi driver ..... (*stop*) ..... (*argue*), she ..... probably ..... (*miss*) it. (CP7)

(d) "I ..... (*wish*) he ..... (*let*) me ..... (*know*)," the young man ..... (*say*). "I ..... (*write*) him a letter ..... (*say*) that I ..... (*come*). I ..... (*have*) all this trouble for nothing. Well, since he ..... (*not, be*) here, there ..... (*be*) no point in ..... (*wait*)." "

He ..... (*thank*) Mrs Crump and ..... (*go out*). Mrs Crump ..... (*go*) to the window and ..... (*watch*) him ..... (*drive off*). When his car ..... (*be*) out of sight, she ..... (*call out*):

"You ..... (*can*) ..... (*come out*) now, Mr White. He ..... (*go*)." "

Mr White ..... (*come out of*) the kitchen, where he ..... (*wait*).

"Many thanks, Mrs Crump," he ..... (*say*) ..... (*laugh*). "You ..... (*do*) that very well. These nephews of mine never ..... (*give*) me any peace. That young man ..... (*be*) the worst of them all. As you ..... (*see*), when he ..... (*need*) money, he even ..... (*follow*) me into the country. Well, perhaps next time he ..... (*not, warn*) me by ..... (*write*) me a letter!" (CP8)

(e) I ..... (*be*) delighted ..... (*get*) your letter this morning. I really ought ..... (*write*) to you—it ..... (*be*) my turn, I ..... (*know*)—but I ..... (*be*) terribly busy. The children ..... (*seem*) ..... (*take up*) all my time. I ..... (*think*) of ..... (*send*) Ann to a nursery school. She ..... (*be*) four next month. Baby ..... just ..... (*start*) ..... (*walk*) and ..... (*not, give*) me a moment's peace. But you ..... (*know*) what it ..... (*be*) like! How ..... (*be*) all your children? I ..... (*be*) sure they ..... (*love*) ..... (*live*) in the country.

I ..... (*be*) afraid we ..... (*not, can*) ..... (*come over*) ..... (*see*) you next Sunday, as you ..... (*suggest*). Tom's mother ..... (*come*) ..... (*spend*) the day with us. What about the Sunday after that—the twenty-second? We ..... (*be*) free that day and ..... (*love*) ..... (*come*). We ..... (*long*) ..... (*see*) your new house. (CP9)

(f) "Oh! I ..... (*be*) stupid!" ..... (*say*) Mrs Brown. "I ..... (*leave*) all my shopping in the restaurant and now I ..... (*be*) lost."

She ..... still ..... (*wonder*) what ..... (*do*) when a policeman .....

(*come up*) and ..... (*ask*) if he ..... (*can*) ..... (*help*). Mrs Brown ..... (*explain*) what ..... (*happen*).

"Well, first of all," ..... (*say*) the policeman, "we ..... (*have*) better ..... (*go back*) as far as the chemist's."

"Now," ..... (*suggest*) the policeman, when they ..... (*get to*) the chemist's, "let's ..... (*go*) in this direction. It ..... (*lead*) to the main road, where we ..... probably ..... (*find*) your restaurant."

When they ..... (*reach*) the main road, the policeman ..... (*say*):

"I ..... (*think*) you ..... (*find*) the restaurant you ..... (*look for*) along there, on the opposite side of the road." (CPII)

(g) "You ..... (*buy*) old books, don't you?" ..... (*ask*) Fred, ..... (*put*) his parcel down on the shop counter.

"I ..... (*have to*) ..... (*see*) what you ..... (*get*) before I ..... (*can*) ..... (*answer*) that question," the bookseller ..... (*say*). "Business ..... (*not, be*) so good as it used ..... (*be*). People ..... (*seem*) ..... (*prefer*) ..... (*buy*) new books nowadays."

Fred ..... (*open*) his parcel and ..... (*lay*) the books out on the counter.

"I ..... (*not, pretend*) ..... (*know*) much about books," he ..... (*say*). "I ..... (*have*) these for years and I ..... even ..... (*not, read*) them. My grandfather ..... (*leave*) them to me, as a matter of fact. But my wife never ..... (*stop*) ..... (*complain*) about them. She ..... (*say*) they ..... (*make*) the place ..... (*look*) dirty. So I ..... (*think*) I ..... (*bring*) them in ..... (*show*) you, just in case there ..... (*be*) anything of interest." (CPI3)

(h) It ..... (*be*) dark in the attic, as Miss Manning ..... (*warn*) him. Weston ..... (*find*) the small window in the roof and ..... (*force*) it open, thus ..... (*let in*) more light. He ..... (*can*) just ..... (*make out*) the boxes which Miss Manning ..... (*tell*) him about.

"When my father ..... (*die*)," Miss Manning ..... (*say*), "his large library ..... (*sell up*). His papers, and some other possessions of no great value, ..... (*store*) in boxes and ..... (*put up*) in the attic. They ..... (*be*) there ever since. I ..... (*not, suppose*) the room ..... (*open*) for over ten years."

"What about his diaries?" ..... (*ask*) Weston. "In one of his letters to a friend, Colonel Manning ..... (*mention*) that he ..... (*keep*) a diary."

"I ..... (*not, remember*) ..... (*see*) any diaries," ..... (*say*) Miss

Manning, with a puzzled look on her face. "Of course he may ..... (*destroy*) them before his last illness. Otherwise they ..... (*must*) ..... (*be*) in those boxes in the attic."

(i) On May 1st we ..... (*plan*) ..... (*hold*) a dinner ..... (*celebrate*) the fifth anniversary of the Selmore Literary Society and I ..... (*ask*) by our committee ..... (*invite*) you ..... (*be*) the guest of honour on this occasion. Since you ..... (*come*) ..... (*live*) in our town last year, you ..... always ..... (*show*) a great deal of interest in our activities and you ..... (*be*) without doubt our most popular speaker. We ..... all ..... (*be*) delighted as well as highly honoured if you ..... (*can*) once again ..... (*find*) the time ..... (*spend*) an evening in our company. I ..... (*send*) you further details as soon as I ..... (*hear*) from you. I ..... (*hope*) you ..... (*be able*) ..... (*accept*) this invitation. (CPI6)

(j) "Now, sir," ..... (*say*) Inspector Robinson, ..... a chair ..... (*draw up*) close to the injured man's bed and ..... (*sit down*), "I ..... (*hope*) you ..... (*feel*) well enough ..... (*answer*) a few questions."

"Yes, of course," ..... (*say*) Topham. He ..... (*sit up*) in bed. The nurse ..... (*place*) another pillow behind his head and ..... (*leave*) the room.

"First of all," ..... (*say*) the inspector, ..... (*open*) his notebook, "we ..... (*have to*) ..... (*establish*) your identity."

Topham ..... (*look*) astonished. "My identity? ..... you even ..... (*not, know*) who I ..... (*be*)? How long ..... I ..... (*lie*) in hospital?"

"Three days," the inspector ..... (*tell*) him. "But we ..... (*find*) no papers on you at all. Whoever ..... (*attack*) you also ..... (*steal*) your wallet."

"But what about my car?" ..... (*ask*) Topham. "Surely you could ..... (*find out*) my identity from that?"

"Your car ..... (*steal*) too," the inspector ..... (*explain*) patiently. "So, you ..... (*see*), we ..... (*be*) completely in the dark." (CPI8)

(k) We first ..... (*become*) aware that something unusual ..... (*happen*) when one of the ship's officers ..... (*come*) up to the Chief Engineer, who ..... (*sit*) at our table, and ..... (*speak*) to him in a low voice. The Chief Engineer at once ..... (*stand up*) and with a brief excuse, which ..... (*tell*) us nothing, ..... (*leave*) the dining-room. At first we ..... (*think*) that there ..... (*be*) an accident or that a fire ..... (*break out*) on board ship, but soon the word ..... (*go round*) that a man ..... (*see*)

..... (*float*) in the sea. Then we ..... (*notice*) that the ship ..... (*slow down*) and ..... (*begin*) ..... (*turn round*) with rather a violent motion. Some of the passengers ..... (*not, wait*) ..... (*finish*) their meal, but at once ..... (*rush*) up on deck. Others ..... (*crowd*) round the portholes, ..... (*make*) it impossible for us ..... (*eat*) in comfort. There ..... (*be*) such confusion in the dining-room that we ..... (*decide*) ..... (*join*) those who ..... (*go*) up on deck. (CP19)

(l) When I ..... (*finish*) my meal and ..... (*be*) about ..... (*pay*) my bill, I ..... (*call*) the owner of the restaurant over and ..... (*ask*) him what the man ..... (*want*). The owner ..... (*be*) a little embarrassed by my question and at first ..... (*not, want*) ..... (*tell*) me. I ..... (*insist*). "Well," he ..... (*say*), "that man ..... (*be*) a detective." "Really?" I ..... (*say*), considerably surprised. "He ..... (*be*) certainly very interested in me. But why?" "He ..... (*follow*) you here because he ..... (*think*) you ..... (*be*) a man he ..... (*look for*)," the owner of the restaurant ..... (*say*). "When he ..... (*come*) into the kitchen, he ..... (*show*) me a photograph of the wanted man. He certainly ..... (*look*) like you! Of course, since we ..... (*know*) you here, I ..... (*be able*) ..... (*convince*) him that he ..... (*made*) a mistake." "It ..... (*be*) lucky I ..... (*come*) to a restaurant where I ..... (*know*)," I ..... (*say*), "otherwise I might ..... (*arrest*)!" (CP20)

(m) At that time I ..... (*have*) every intention of ..... (*remain*) in London, but since then I ..... (*change*) my mind and I ..... (*be*) now very much inclined ..... (*come back*) ..... (*work*) in my native town. My problem ..... (*be*) this: I ..... (*be*) away now for so long (since 1956, in fact) that I ..... (*have*) very few contacts in Durham. That ..... (*be*) why I ..... (*write*) to you now. I should really ..... (*be*) most grateful if you ..... (*can*) ..... (*put*) me in touch with anyone who ..... (*can*) ..... (*help*) or ..... (*advise*) me. But please ..... (*not, put*) yourself to a lot of trouble on my behalf. (CP22)

(n) He ..... just ..... (*sit down*) when he ..... (*find*) the young lady assistant ..... (*stand*) alongside him. "You must ..... (*be*) more careful when you ..... (*handle*) these books," she ..... (*say*) severely. Satisfied that she ..... (*do*) her duty, she ..... (*turn*) ..... (*go back*) to her desk. Then a sudden thought ..... (*strike*) her. "By the way, how old ..... (*be*) you?" she ..... (*ask*) Phillip. "Thirteen," he ..... (*tell*) he "You ..... (*not, allow*) in here under the age of fourteen, you ..... (*know*),"

the assistant ..... (*say*). "..... you ..... (*not, see*) the notice on the door?" Phillip ..... (*shake*) his head. He ..... (*expect*) the assistant ..... (*ask*) him ..... (*leave*). Instead, in a more kindly tone, she ..... (*say*): "Well, never ..... (*mind*). But ..... (*make*) sure that you ..... (*not, disturb*) the other readers again, otherwise I ..... (*have to*) ..... (*ask*) you ..... (*leave*). (CP26)

(o) The manager ..... (*wave*) his hand towards the chair on the other side of the desk and ..... (*tell*) Henry ..... (*take*) a seat. "I ..... (*wait for*) a long-distance call from Manchester," he ..... (*explain*). The telephone ..... (*ring*) just as he ..... (*speak*). The manager ..... (*pick up*) the receiver and for some time ..... (*speak*) rapidly and impatiently into the telephone. Henry ..... (*wait*), rather ..... (*regret*) that his interview, which he ..... (*dread*) for days, ..... (*not, begin*) at once. When at last the manager ..... (*finish*), a secretary ..... (*come in*) with a pile of letters. "I really ..... (*not, keep*) you ..... (*wait*) much longer," ..... (*say*) the manager apologetically, as he ..... (*pick up*) the first letter and ..... (*begin*) ..... (*read*) it. "But these ..... (*have to*) ..... (*catch*) the next post." (CP28)

## Articles

Complete each of the following passages by supplying *a*, *an* or *the*.

(a) While I was walking along ..... road ..... other day, I happened to notice ..... small brown leather purse lying on ..... pavement. I picked it up and opened it to see if I could find out ..... owner's name. There was nothing inside it except some small change and ..... rather old photograph—.....picture of ..... woman and ..... young girl about twelve years old, who looked like ..... woman's daughter. I put ..... photograph back and took ..... purse to ..... police station, where I handed it to ..... sergeant in charge. Before I left, ..... sergeant made ..... note of my name and address in case ..... owner of ..... purse wanted to write and thank me. (CP2)

(b) It was time to start ..... lesson. "Now let me see," said Miss Hughes, looking at ..... timetable. "..... first lesson is English."

"Oh, please, tell us ..... story," begged one of ..... girls.

Several of ..... pupils repeated this. Miss Hughes smiled.

"Very well," she said. "But first of all I want you to write ..... letter to John Young. We'll send ..... best ones to cheer him up in hospital. Afterwards I'll tell you ..... story, if you're good."

They were all writing busily when Miss Hughes slipped out of ..... classroom to fetch ..... book which she had left in ..... staffroom. She passed ..... headmistress in ..... corridor.

"Any trouble from that class?" asked ..... headmistress.

"Not so far," said Miss Hughes confidently. "They all seem very well behaved." (CP5)

(c) Just then he noticed that her bottle of milk, which was delivered early in ..... morning, was still on ..... doorstep. This worried him. If Mrs Dunley had not taken in her milk, perhaps she was ill. Bill walked round ..... house until he found ..... open window. It was small but he just managed to squeeze through. He went into ..... hall. There he almost fell over Mrs Dunley, who was lying at ..... foot of ..... stairs, unconscious. Realising that there was little he could do for her, Bill rushed out of ..... house, stopped ..... passing car and told ..... driver to telephone for ..... ambulance as soon as he got to ..... village. (CP6)

(d) Just then ..... taxi came slowly down ..... road. Helen knew

that ..... fare to ..... station was at least five shillings, which was more than she could afford; but she quickly made up her mind that it would be well worth ..... extra expense in order to be sure of catching her train. So she stopped ..... taxi and got in. She told ..... driver that she had to catch ..... train which left at half past two. .... man nodded and said that he would take ..... short cut to get her to ..... station in good time. (CP7)

(e) He was just in ..... middle of describing ..... rather terrifying experience he had once had when his small sailing boat was carried out to sea in ..... storm, when there was ..... loud crash from ..... bedroom above, ..... one where my brother and I were going to sleep. "It sounds as if ..... roof has fallen in!" exclaimed my uncle, with ..... loud laugh.

When we got to ..... top of ..... stairs and opened ..... bedroom door, we could see nothing at first because of ..... thick clouds of dust which filled ..... room. When these began to clear, ..... strange sight met our eyes. .... large part of ..... ceiling had collapsed, falling right on to ..... pillow of my bed. (CP10)

(f) When he saw ..... last book, however, his eyes lit up with excitement.

"What is it?" asked Fred.

"Now this *is* worth something," exclaimed ..... bookseller, turning over ..... pages. "It's ..... very rare edition."

He handed ..... book to Fred, who looked at ..... title. It was ..... novel of ..... last century by ..... author whose name he had never heard of. Of all ..... books he had gathered together to bring to ..... bookshop, this one had looked ..... least interesting. (CP13)

(g) After searching through ..... number of drawers, Miss Manning found ..... key to ..... attic.

"You won't find it easy to see up there," she said as she handed him ..... key. "There's ..... small window in ..... roof but I expect that it will be too dirty to see through."

There were about ..... dozen boxes in all. Weston did not know where to begin. He opened first one, then ..... other, but he found nothing that looked like diaries. Then he decided to try ..... largest box. It was full of papers. As he turned these over, ..... bundle of exercise books, tied together with string, caught his eye. On ..... cover of ..... top one were written ..... words "DIARY, 1935-36". (CP15)



(h) ..... small crowd had gathered round ..... entrance to ..... park. His curiosity aroused, Robert crossed ..... road to see what was happening. He found that ..... centre of attraction was ..... old man with ..... performing monkey: ..... monkey's tricks were in no way remarkable so, after throwing ..... few pennies in ..... dirty hat which ..... man had placed on ..... pavement, Robert began to move off, along with other members of ..... crowd. (CP17)

(i) ..... few months later, Robert came across ..... old man again in another part of ..... city. ..... man had ..... new monkey, bought no doubt with ..... money which ..... crowd had given him. It did not, however, seem any better at its tricks than ..... previous one. Robert was pleased to see that ..... old man was still able to earn ..... living, though on this occasion, having partly paid for ..... monkey out of his own pocket, he did not feel inclined to throw any money into ..... hat. (CP17)

(j) There we learnt that one of ..... crew had seen ..... man in ..... sea some distance from ..... ship. He had informed ..... captain, who at once ordered ..... ship to be turned round. We were now only two hundred yards or so from ..... man, and ..... lifeboat had already been lowered into ..... sea. In it there were four sailors, who were sitting ready at ..... oars, ..... officer and ..... ship's doctor. ..... officer shouted ..... order and ..... sailors began to row away from ..... ship. By looking in ..... same direction as ..... boat was going, we were able to make out ..... position of ..... man in ..... water. He was clinging to ..... large piece of wood. (CP19)

(k) I decided, however, that I ought to go out and have ..... look in ..... garden, just in case someone was in trouble. I took ..... torch which we keep for going down into ..... cellar, where there is no electric light, and picked up ..... strong walking stick, thinking that this might come in useful, too. Armed with these, I went out into ..... garden. Once again I heard ..... cry. There was no doubt that it came from ..... trees at ..... end of ..... garden. "Who's there?" I called out as I walked, rather nervously, down ..... path that led to ..... trees. But there was no answer. With ..... help of my torch, I examined ..... whole of that part of ..... garden and ..... lower branches of ..... trees. There was no sign of anybody or anything. I came to ..... conclusion that someone was playing ..... rather silly joke on me. (CP21)

(l) Peter was beginning to feel less hopeful when he noticed that there was ..... telephone number after one of ..... addresses on ..... list. To save time, therefore, Peter rang up ..... landlady and enquired if she had ..... room to let. He was pleasantly relieved to hear that she had one vacant. He hurried round to ..... house, which stood well back from ..... road in ..... pleasant avenue. .... room he was shown lay at ..... back of ..... house, overlooking ..... garden full of flowers and bushes. He noted, too, with satisfaction, that there was ..... large table in ..... room, where he could spread out his books and work in comfort. Furthermore, ..... rent was moderate. It was just what he was looking for. Without hesitation he told ..... landlady that he would take ..... room, paid ..... week's rent in advance and went back to ..... station to get his luggage. (CP23)

(m) When I had finished my coffee, I went along to ..... bookstall, where I bought ..... couple of magazines, both of them about travel, which would help make ..... time pass pleasantly. Then I went into one of ..... waiting-rooms and made myself comfortable in ..... big armchair. I had hardly had time to open one of my magazines when someone came up and put his hand on my shoulder. It was ..... old friend, who was just about to leave on ..... business trip to South America. Since we had not seen each other for ..... long time, we found plenty to talk about until ..... arrival of my brother's plane from Paris was announced. (CP25)

(n) Henry passed ..... time by examining ..... manager's office in some detail. On his right there was ..... large window, heavily curtained, with ..... view of ..... factory yard. Henry could see two workmen pushing ..... trolley across it towards ..... shed at ..... far end. Close to ..... window there were three chairs, arranged around ..... long, low table, on which stood ..... jug of water and some glasses. To Henry's left there was ..... bookcase, which covered ..... greater part of one wall. .... shelves were empty except for ..... dozen or so reference books, ..... pile of technical journals, which looked as if they might at any moment slip off ..... shelf and fall to ..... ground, and on ..... top shelf, standing by itself and looking rather out of place in ..... manager's office, ..... child's plastic toy. (CP28)

(o) Mr Price, ..... antique dealer, lived alone in ..... small flat above his shop. Because of ..... many valuable articles which he kept on ..... premises, he was always afraid that one night someone would break in

and rob him. Years before, when he had first come to live there, he had shutters fitted to all ..... ground floor windows and strong locks put on all ..... doors. In addition, he locked up most of his valuable articles in ..... cupboard, which he had had specially made for this purpose. But, in spite of these precautions, he never felt safe, particularly when he had ..... lot of money in ..... flat after ..... good day's business.

(CP30)

## Prepositions and Adverbial Particles

Complete each of the following passages by supplying the correct preposition or adverbial particle.

(a) It was already late when we set ..... the next town, which ..... the map was about fifteen miles away ..... the other side ..... the hills. There we felt sure we would find a bed ..... the night. Darkness fell soon after we left the village but luckily we met no one as we drove swiftly ..... the narrow winding road that led ..... the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and rain began to fall, making it difficult ..... times to see the road. I asked John, my companion, to drive more slowly.

After we had travelled ..... about twenty miles, there was still no sign ..... the town which was marked ..... the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, ..... warning, the car stopped. A quick examination showed that we had run ..... petrol. Although we had little food ..... us, only a few biscuits and some chocolate, we decided to spend the night ..... the car. (CP1)

(b) Then there is a man I do not care ..... very much, an engineer ..... the name ..... Barlow. He has been ..... leave ..... England and is now returning ..... his work ..... Singapore. He seems full ..... energy: he swims or plays tennis the best part ..... the day. I have never ..... my life met a man ..... such a loud laugh. He has the cabin ..... mine and I can hear his laugh even ..... the wall!

The other person who sits ..... our table is Mrs Hunt. I have found ..... hardly anything ..... her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks except to consult the doctor ..... her children's ailments. She is ..... her way to join her husband ..... India. (CP3)

(c) Half an hour ..... daybreak three ..... the boys assembled, as they had agreed, ..... the old bridge. The fourth, a boy ..... the name ..... Tolly, had not turned ..... His absence did not greatly surprise the others. They knew that his mother did not want him to come ..... this expedition ..... the forest.

Charles, who was the oldest and their accepted leader, waded downstream ..... the place where the boat was tied ..... the shelter ..... some overhanging bushes. Then he rowed the boat ..... the shallow water ..... the bridge, where the boys loaded it ..... provisions, blankets and other things which they were taking ..... their journey. (CP4)

(d) Bill Fuller, the postman, whistled cheerfully as he pushed his bicycle ..... the hill ..... old Mrs Dunley's house. His work ..... the day was almost finished; his bag, usually quite full when he set ..... his round, was empty now ..... the letter that he had to deliver ..... Mrs Dunley. She lived ..... a mile ..... the village so that, when Bill had a letter ..... her, he always finished his day's work much later. He did not mind this, however, because she never failed to ask him ..... a cup ..... tea. (CP6)

(e) A car drew ..... the Swan Hotel and a young man got ..... Pausing only ..... an instant to see that he had come ..... the right place, he went ..... the hotel and rang the bell ..... the counter ..... the bar.

Mrs Crump, the landlady, who was busy ..... the kitchen ..... the time, hurried ....., wiping her hands. The young man raised his hat.

"Excuse me," he said. "I'm looking ..... my uncle, Mr White. I believe he is staying here."

"He *was* staying here," Mrs Crump corrected him. "But I'm afraid he went ..... London yesterday."

"Oh, dear," said the young man, looking disappointed. I understood that he was going to stay here ..... the end ..... the month. .... least, that is what his servant told me when I rang ..... his house." (CP8)

(f) Mrs Brown was tired ..... her day's shopping ..... London, so she went ..... a restaurant ..... a cup ..... tea ..... catching the train home. When she had ordered her tea, she suddenly remembered that she had to buy some medicine ..... her husband, who had a bad cough.

"Is there a chemist's ..... here?" she asked the waiter.

"Yes, madam," the waiter said, "it's only about three minutes' walk ..... Turn right when you go ..... the restaurant, then take the second turning ..... the left. You'll find a big chemist's about a hundred yards ..... the road ..... the right-hand side. It closes ..... five but if you hurry, you'll just get there ..... time."

Mrs Brown followed the waiter's directions carefully and found the chemist's shop ..... any difficulty. She bought the cough mixture and started to make her way ..... the restaurant. But after she had walked ..... about ten minutes and there was still no sign ..... the restaurant, she realised that she must have made a mistake. (CP11)

(g) Luckily ..... that moment he was much too busy talking ..... the

man opposite him to catch sight ..... me. I slipped ..... my compartment, took ..... my two suitcases and carried them ..... the far end ..... the corridor so as to be ready to get ..... the train as soon as it stopped. The moment the train came ..... a halt, I called a porter, who ..... no time ..... all had carried my luggage ..... the station and found me a taxi. As I drove ..... my small hotel ..... the outskirts ..... the town, I breathed a deep sigh ..... relief ..... my narrow escape. There was little chance that I should run ..... my boring ex-neighbour again. (CP12)

(h) Then one ..... the men looked ..... his watch, clapped his hands and said something ..... the others. Immediately they all went ..... their desks and, ..... the space ..... a few seconds, everyone was working busily. No one took any notice ..... Mary ..... all. .... last she went ..... the man who was sitting ..... the desk nearest the door and explained that this was her first day ..... the office. Hardly looking ..... his work, he told her to take a seat ..... him and wait ..... Mr King, who would arrive ..... any moment. Then Mary realised that the day's work ..... the office began just before Mr King arrived. Later she found ..... that he came ..... every morning ..... the country ..... the same train, arriving promptly ..... the office ..... 9.35, so that his staff knew precisely when to start work. (CP14)

(i) Thank you ..... your letter ..... April 7th, which I am answering ..... behalf ..... my husband. Apparently you have not heard that about a month ago my husband was taken seriously ill, as a result ..... overwork. Although he is now much better, the doctor has ordered him to take a complete rest ..... least three months. As a matter ..... fact we are leaving ..... the continent as soon as he is fit to travel and it is unlikely that we shall return ..... England ..... the end ..... July. .... view ..... this, I regret that my husband is unable to accept this kind invitation ..... the dinner which your society is holding ..... May 1st. He has asked me, however, to send his very best wishes ..... the success ..... the occasion and says that he hopes to be ..... you again ..... the autumn. (CP16)

(j) "I'm a widower," Topham said. "I've lived alone ever since my wife died three years ago. This year, as always, I went to spend my holidays ..... the sea. I decided to come ..... early ..... the bad weather. .... my way ..... London I stopped ..... the Sun Inn ..... dinner."

The inspector nodded and waited ..... Topham to go .....

"It was raining pretty hard when I came ..... the hotel. I dashed ..... the car park, where I had left my car. I had just unlocked the door and was getting ..... when a man stepped ..... the shadows and asked me ..... a lift ..... London. Before I had time to reply, he attacked me. .... that I can remember nothing until I woke ..... hospital. (CP18)

(k) Still feeling rather puzzled, I went ..... the house and put ..... the torch and the stick. I had just sat ..... and begun to read my book again when I was startled ..... the cry ..... "Help! Help!", this time ..... right ..... my shoulder. I dropped my book and jumped ..... There, sitting ..... top ..... the mantelpiece, was a large green and red bird. It was a parrot! While I was ..... the garden, the bird must have seen the light ..... my room and flown ..... the open window. (CP21)

(l) Tom entered the station shortly ..... five o'clock ..... the afternoon. This is a bad time to travel ..... London, both ..... bus and train, because crowds ..... people go home ..... work ..... this hour. He had to join a long queue ..... people who were waiting ..... tickets. When ..... last his turn came, he had some difficulty ..... making the man understand the name ..... the station he wanted to go ..... The people ..... queue ..... him began to grumble impatiently ..... the delay. However, he got the right ticket ..... the end and, ..... asking several people the way, he also found the right platform. This was packed tight ..... people. He did not manage to get ..... the first train, but he was able to move nearer the edge ..... the platform so as to be ..... a better position to get ..... the next one. (CP24)

(m) ..... lunch, ..... waiting to get permission ..... their parents, the two boys set ..... to explore the part ..... the beach which lay ..... the headland. They persuaded their young sister to stay ....., saying that the long walk would be too tiring ..... her. Once they had passed ..... the headland, the beach stretched ..... endlessly ..... front ..... them. It was like discovering a new world. And what exciting things there were to do! There were damp, dark caves to explore, ..... each ..... which they half expected to come ..... smugglers hiding; there were innumerable pools ..... the rocks, full ....., small fish and other sea-creatures; and, scattered ..... the beach, there were all those strange, yet commonplace, objects which are washed ..... and left ..... the tide. (CP27)

(n) The party began shortly ..... nine. Mr Wood, who lived ..... the flat ....., sighed ..... himself as he heard the first signs: the steady tramp ..... feet ..... the stairs; the sound ..... excited voices as the guests greeted one another; and the noise ..... the gramophone, which was turned full ..... Luckily Mr Wood had brought some work home ..... the office, ..... which he occupied himself ..... a couple ..... hours, thus managing to ignore ..... some success the party which was going ..... his head. But ..... eleven o'clock he felt tired and was ready to go ..... bed, though ..... his experience ..... previous parties he knew that it was useless trying to get to sleep. (CP29)

(o) Mr Price got ..... bed and went ..... the window. The fog had cleared slightly. He opened the window and looked ..... He could just make ..... the shadowy figure ..... a man standing ..... the pavement ..... "What do you want?" Mr Price called ..... a nervous voice. The figure stepped ..... until it was standing ..... the streetlamp. It was a policeman. "Sorry to disturb you, sir," said the policeman, "but there is a light ..... your shop. I think you have forgotten to turn it ....." (CP30)



## Linking Words

Complete each of the following passages by supplying the correct linking word.

(a) Our meal was soon over. I tried to go to sleep at once ..... John, ..... was a poor sleeper, got out of the car after a few minutes ..... went for a walk up the hill. Soon he came running back. From the top of the hill he had seen, in the valley below, the lights of the town we were looking for. We at once unloaded all our luggage ....., with a great effort, managed to push the car to the top of the hill. .... we went back for the luggage, loaded the car again ..... set off down the hill. In less than quarter of an hour we were in the town, ..... we found a hotel quite easily. (CP1)

(b) Dawn was just breaking ..... they climbed into their boat ..... pushed off from the bank. A swift current carried them downstream, ..... there was no need to row. They took it in turns to keep the boat in the centre of the river. Three hours later they entered the forest ..... they intended to spend the next few days.

“Let’s go ashore ..... make some tea,” suggested Charles. “No one will see us here.”

It was forbidden to light fires in the forest, ..... people rarely came this way.

..... Charles tied the boat up, the other two boys set about gathering wood for a fire. .... they came back, each with a large handful of sticks, they found Charles looking very worried. (CP4)

(c) ..... Bill entered the gate of Mrs Dunley’s house, he was surprised not to find her working in her garden. She usually spent most afternoons there ..... the weather was fine. Bill went straight round to the back of the house, thinking ..... she might be in the kitchen. The door was locked ..... the curtains were drawn. Puzzled, he returned to the front of the house ..... knocked on the door. There was no answer. Bill thought ..... this was very strange ..... he knew ..... Mrs Dunley rarely left the house. (CP6)

(d) Shortly after the war, my brother and I were invited to spend a few days’ holiday with an uncle ..... had just returned from abroad. He had rented a cottage in the country, ..... he rarely spent much time there. We understood the reason for this after our arrival: the cottage had no

comfortable furniture in it, many of the windows were broken ..... the roof leaked, making the whole house damp.

On our first evening, we sat around the fire after supper listening to the stories ..... our uncle had to tell of his many adventures in distant countries. I was so tired after the long train journey ..... I would have preferred to go to bed; ..... I could not bear to miss any of my uncle's exciting tales. (CP10)

(e) ..... the train approached the seaside town ..... I was going to spend my holidays, I went into the corridor to stretch my legs. I stayed there for a short while, breathing in the fresh sea air ..... exchanging a few words with one of the passengers, ..... I had met earlier on the station platform.

..... I turned to go back to my seat, I happened to glance into the compartment next to mine. Sitting there was a man ..... many years before had been my neighbour. He was a great talker, I remembered; it used to take hours to get away from him ..... he began a conversation. I was not at all sorry ..... he went to live in another part of London. We had not met since then, ..... did I wish to meet him now, ..... my holiday was about to begin. (CP12)

(f) ..... at last she reached the door marked "*J. King, Manager*", she knocked rather nervously ..... waited. There was no answer. She tapped on the door again, ..... there was still no reply. From inside the next office she could hear the sound of voices, ..... she opened the door ..... went in.

..... it was without doubt the same office she had been shown into ..... she had come for an interview with Mr King two weeks before, on that morning it looked quite different. In fact it hardly looked like an office at all. All the employees were standing about, chatting ..... smoking. At the far end of the room a man must have just told a very funny story, ..... there was a loud burst of laughter just ..... Mary came in. For a moment she thought ..... they were laughing at her. (CP14)

(g) At last, ..... what seemed to us an age, the lifeboat reached the man ..... two of the sailors pulled him on board. This was not at all easy, ..... the sea was rather rough. ..... the sailors began to row back to the ship again. The lifeboat was raised out of the water ..... the rescued man, wrapped in a blanket, was helped out on to the deck. Leaning on the arm of the ship's doctor, ..... still able to walk in spite of his terrible

experience, he was led off to the ship's hospital. .... he passed along the deck everyone cheered wildly. (CP19)

(h) One summer evening I was sitting by the open window, reading a good but rather frightening mystery story. After a time it became too dark for me to read easily, .... I put my book down <sup>2</sup>). .... got up to switch on the light. I was just about to draw the curtains as well <sup>2</sup>). .... I heard a loud cry of "Help! Help!" It seemed to come from the trees at the end of the garden. I looked out .... it was now too dark to see anything clearly. Almost immediately I heard the cry again. It sounded like a child .... I could not imagine how anyone could need help in our garden, .... one of the boys of the neighbourhood had climbed a tree .... could not get down. (CP21)

(i) .... I got to the airport, I learnt .... the plane from Cairo on .... my brother was travelling, had been delayed in Paris with engine trouble .... was expected to be about an hour late. As a rule I can pass the time quite happily, watching the planes land and take off, .... that evening I had a headache, .... I thought .... the noise of the engines might make worse. I decided, ....., to walk around to make the time pass quickly.

First of all I went back to the place .... I had left my car to make sure .... all the doors were locked. The walk in the fresh air did me good, .... I felt slightly better .... I entered the main airport building again. I made my way to the restaurant, .... I ordered a cup of black coffee. (CP25)

(j) The afternoon passed quickly .... the sun was already beginning to go down .... the two boys reluctantly decided to turn back .... make their way homewards. Long .... they reached the headland, ....., they could see .... the tide had come in so far .... they were now cut off from the other part of the beach. They looked at each other in dismay. It was useless to go on, .... clearly there was no way of getting beyond the headland. ...., on the other hand, they went back the way they had just come, the tide would come in long .... they reached the end of the beach. Their only chance of escape was to find a way up the cliff, .... in some places was not very steep. At least they might be able to climb high enough to be out of reach of the waves, .... were coming closer all the time. (CP27)