It was Friday evening. Liz was looking forward to Saturday because it was her husband’s birthday.She had been preparing for this event for a long time. She had invited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(THEY) college friends and they were all coming from different cities. The best part was that Carlos, her husband, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(NOT/KNOW) anything about the arrangements. It was going to be a surprise. Liz \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(MAKE) sandwiches when Carlos came into the kitchen. “Look, darling,” he said, “I know it’s my birthday tomorrow but I don’t want to do anything special for it.” Liz thought, “I wish I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(CAN) cancel the party but I can’t – it’s too late. The party will take place anyway and it will be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(GOOD) party ever”. When Carlos came home on Saturday, there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(BE) lots of people there. Carlos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(TELL) them that he felt very happy to see them all and it was true! The guests enjoyed their dinner and then Liz brought in a cake. The cake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(DECORATE) with chocolates and jellies, and it had as many candles as the number of years Carlos had reached that day. Carlos couldn’t blow them out on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ONE) try and his friends were delighted to help him.

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*«...and Tom hoped that their operation would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SUCCESS) as little time had passed yet.»*It was the first time Tom had ever taken part in a rescue expedition in the mountains. His new job was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(DANGER) and exciting, and he loved it! They were going to search for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(CLIMB) missing in the Alps. The young man had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(APPEARED) when the group was descending the mountain. They had had to stop as the storm had started and it had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(POSSIBLE) to go any further. However, when the weather had calmed down, the group hadn't been able to find one of their members. The rescue team was informed about it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(IMMEDIATE) and Tom hoped that their operation would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(SUCCESS) as little time had passed yet.

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For some reason British food does not have the best reputation in the world. A few years ago I asked a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (VISIT) to Britain about the local food. He described it as tasteless and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (BORE). I cannot agree with his opinion and find his words totally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (FAIR). For a start, British desserts and cakes are so good that British school children are often punished with ' no pudding' if they don't behave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (PROPER). And apart from the desserts there are lots of fantastic traditional British dishes, including the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (FAME) full English breakfast, mouth-watering sandwiches, and delicious soups. Britain has amazing vegetarian restaurants and all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (NATIONAL) food you could possibly imagine, including Italian pasta restaurants, Indian curry houses and Japanese sushi bars. Lots of foreigners return home with much better stories about British food.

That's just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (FAIR) so come and try it for yourselves.I'm absolutely sure that people's opinion of British food is based on ignorance. They say we eat potatoes with everything. But you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (RARE) get a meal anywhere in Europe that does not come with chips. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (DIFFER) is that we do not boast about our cuisine. In my view, we are very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (CREATE) when it comes to food. In Britain, you can enjoy a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (COMBINE) of dishes from different cuisines. You can wake up in the morning and have an English breakfast, a slice of Italian pizza at lunchtime, Japanese sushi for dinner and a Turkish kebab on the way home from the club. What else could you ask for? And never tell me British food is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (TASTE) and boring! That's just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (FAIR) so come and try it for yourselves.

People travel a lot nowadays. Planes are considered to be the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (COMFORT) means of transport but for some people airports can be a nightmare. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (END) queues when you check in and you waste lots of time if your flight is delayed. However, there are some airports where you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ACTUAL) enjoy yourself. For example, you’ll never be bored at Hong Kong’s international airport. There are thousands of people from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (DIFFER) countries here but the passengers never experience any problems because everything is well organised. There are attendants in red coats, who help you to get from one place to another. It’s very good for people with no sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (DIRECT). The attendants are always very polite and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (HELP).

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