

GAP FILL

Think of a word that fits into each blank.

A) Artificial intelligence

Predicting the future isn't easy. In 1943, Thomas Watson, chairman (1) _____ the company IBM, said, "I think there's a world market for about five computers." Even in the 1970s, many experts (2) _____ saying, "Nobody will want a computer in their home." But today, computer technology is everywhere.

"You (3) _____ have several computers in your kitchen," says Dr Rodney Brooks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, pointing to the computer chips in our coffee makers, fridges, washing (4) _____ and ovens. It's almost impossible to imagine a world (5) _____ computers.

Dr Brooks is director of MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. He says that computers are not (6) _____ becoming more common, they're (7) _____ smarter too. They're starting to think.

Scientists at AI Research are developing their own thinking robot, (8) _____ Hal. Child expert Anat Treister-Goren is teaching Hal to speak. She talks to him and reads (9) _____ children's stories. Baby Hal is growing up fast, and his language level is improving quickly. Soon, if (10) _____ speak to him, you might even think he's human!

AI experts (11) _____ optimistic. They hope that, (12) _____ day, intelligent machines will be all around us. Perhaps everyone will have a Hal - their own personal assistant. If you've got a question, Hal will know the (13) _____. If you want to go on a trip, Hal will be able to (14) _____ all the arrangements. He'll never get tired, he'll never be ill and he'll never (15) _____ angry. The technology is almost here. Think about it. Wouldn't you like to (16) _____ your own "Hal"?

B) A holiday in London

My friend and I had a great holiday in London. We arrived at (1) _____ airport late (2) _____ Sunday evening, and we decided to take a taxi, even (3) _____ it was very expensive. The taxi took us to our hotel, (4) _____ was very nice, although the rooms were quite small. The next day we woke up early and (5) _____ an enormous breakfast. I don't know how people can eat (6) _____ much in the morning! But it was good (7) _____ us because eating out in London is expensive, and with (8) _____ a big breakfast we didn't need to have lunch.

After breakfast we went to (9) _____ art gallery. I can't remember the name, but it was (10) _____ of famous paintings and (11) _____ my friend and I really enjoyed it.

(12) _____ the afternoon we went (13) _____ boat down the river to Greenwich. I didn't realize there was so (14) _____ to see in Greenwich! As well (15) _____ the Maritime Museum and the Observatory, (16) _____ is a beautiful park. From the top of the hill you get a view of the (17) _____ of London. We must (18) _____ walked around the park for at (19) _____ two hours because it was getting dark (20) _____ we left.

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C) Quarter Of Prisoners Released Last Christmas Were Left Homeless Or Sleeping Rough

A quarter of all prisoners released last Christmas were left homeless, sleeping rough or in unsettled accommodation, it has emerged.

Just under half of the 5,860 offenders let out in December 2017 _____ (1) housed by the state, with a total of 243 people left to sleep on the streets.

A further 625 were classified _____ (2) homeless and 683 were in other "unsettled accommodation", a parliamentary question by Shadow Justice Secretary Richard Burgon has revealed.

The government has been branded "shameful" for failing to find offenders stable accommodation, and critics say the failings _____ (3) heightened the risk of death in the cold winter months, and the risk of reoffending.

It comes amid mounting concern for the safety of rough sleepers _____ (4) the Office for National Statistics (ONS) found that nearly 600 homeless people died in 2017 – a rise of 24% over five years.

Christina Marriott, chief executive of the charity the Revolving Doors Agency, _____ (5) aims to reduce homelessness and reoffending, said the winter temperatures have left people at risk of serious illness and even death.

Marriott said: “It is shameful that the rates of homelessness on release from prison are continuing to rise.

“The government needs to _____ (6) action so that people leaving prison have a secure place to live. We know the risks of dying whilst living on the streets are higher at this time of year.”

There was renewed focus on the plight of the homeless after 43-year-old Gyula Remes collapsed close to the entrance to the Houses of Parliament this week. He was taken to a central London hospital and later died.

Burgon said the prisoners attempting to rebuild _____ (7) lives needed a settled home. He said: “This is yet more evidence of a broken system. In a country as wealthy as ours, nobody should be homeless.”

“But _____ (8) many people leave prison without even the certainty that they’ll have a roof over their head the next day, with reports of some prisons even being handed tents and sleeping bags on release.

“It _____ (9) it much more difficult for people to find work and turn their lives around if they don’t even have settled accommodation on release.”

The Ministry of Justice said it _____ (10) pumped £22million into targeted housing services for offenders to ensure there was not a repeat of the figures this festive season.

The department added that it was investing £6m into the Rough Sleeping Strategy, which had pilot schemes bringing together prisons, local authorities, probation.

A spokesman said: “Everyone leaving prison should have a stable place to live – something we know is crucial in preventing reoffending.”

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