

secret, widely, since, produced, so, developed, way

Wool is the hair that grows on sheep. Every year, over a million tons of wool is (1)_____, 60% of which goes into clothes. The most famous wool comes from Australian Merino sheep. Their wool is good for baby clothes, (2)_____ it is soft and keeps babies warm.

When wool is first cut from the sheep, it *contains*(含有) a high level of oil, so before the wool is used, it must be cleaned. The simplest (3)_____ to do this is by putting the wool in warm water. The oil that is *removed*(被去除) from the wool is (4)_____ used in products like hand creams.

Sheep were first used by humans several thousand years ago, but it is believed that they *were raised*(被饲养) for meat rather than wool. When people (5)_____ a way of cutting the wool from sheep, it became an important clothing material.

interview, note, sends, hope, looking, arrive, no, chance, happy, ability, still, them

Dear Vince,

I'm sorry I didn't telephone you before I went back to Japan. I didn't get the (1)_____ to talk to you before I left, because everything happened suddenly. I (2)_____ that you are well and that everything is going well with your job.

When I was in England, I really missed my friends in Japan, so I was really (3)_____ to get back here, to see everyone again and catch up with the news. Do you remember Masako? We often talk about you, and she (4)_____ her best wishes to you. Well, I have had letters from some of our friends in England. Do you still see (5)_____?

I've been looking for a job and I've written about thirty letters of *applications*(求职信), but so far I've gotten (6)_____ replies. However, two days ago my father said that a friend of his was (7)_____ for someone who speaks English to work for two months as a *receptionist*(接待员) in his *company's*(公司的) office in London. Yesterday, I went for the (8)_____ and I got the job, so in three weeks I'll be back in England!

Do you (9)_____ have the same phone number? I'll give you a call when I (10)_____ perhaps we could meet up and go out for a meal or something like that. It would be great to see you again.

Yours,
Chiyo

visit, dare, problem, although, how, background, could, absent, sick, planned, proud, with

Picture this scene. You wake up on a school morning, and you know you're (1)_____. Maybe your throat is sore. Maybe your head hurts. Whatever the (2)_____ is, your mom or your dad sends you back to bed to rest. This happens to every kid once in a while, right?

Wrong. And the living *proof*(证据) is eighteen-year-old Travis Schmidt. From his first day of *kindergarten*(幼儿园) to his last day of high school, Travis never stayed home sick. At first, Travis didn't think too much about never being (3)_____. But then he reached third grade (4)_____ perfect *attendance*(出勤率). At that point, Travis decided to see how long he (5)_____ keep it up.

So (6)_____ did Travis successfully keep 13 years of perfect attendance? In the first place, he's a very healthy kid. (7)_____ he got colds like everyone else, Travis never felt sick enough to stay home. Travis also (8)_____ *ahead*(提前地). For example, he knew he'd probably get *chicken pox*(水痘) sooner or later. So when a friend caught chicken pox one summer, Travis made sure to (9)_____ him. A few days later, he was covered with poxes. But he had quite a lot of time to get better before school started in the fall.

Travis is (10)_____ of his record. "I may not be the smartest or the coolest. But I'm always there," he says.

sleeping, promised, him, hardly, nervous, water, happening, mentioned, tired, arrived, already, wanted

Barry and Selma were very worried. Where was their ten-year-old son Sean, and what was (1)_____ to him? They only arrived at their apartment two hours earlier, and the holiday was (2)_____ a *disaster*(灾祸).

Everything started quite well. The whole family – Bany, Selma, and their children Sean and Lily (3)_____ a seaside holiday, so they *rented*(租) an apartment on a quiet beach in Spain. They were all really excited when they (4)_____, so they dropped off their things in the apartment and all went straight down to the beach.

While Sean and Lily were playing in the (5)_____, Barry and Selma were talking about their holiday plans. After a swim, Sean said he wanted to go fishing at the other end of the beach. Barry and Selma told (6)_____ to come back before 8:00, but by 8:30, Sean still hadn't returned. They went to look for him, but nobody saw the boy. Everyone got very (7)_____, and decided to go back to the apartment to call the police. But shortly after Barry *dialed*(拨号) the number they got a big surprise.

The surprise was that Sean was (8)_____ in his bedroom. The boy had *misunderstood*(误解) his parents' instructions to "come back", and went back to the apartment by himself. He was (9)_____ after fishing, so he fell asleep. He opened his eyes and

couldn't understand why everyone was so worried. But when the police arrived five minutes later, he (10)_____ that he would not disappear again!

laughing, bored, serious, its, car, patient, decided, nearly, together, ended, across, saw
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Two years ago, I went to Perth, Australia for a meeting with my partner, Chris. We decided to drive across the country to Brisbane after the meeting (1)_____. The drive was going to take four days and most of it was (2)_____ the desert.

The first day was fun. By the third day of driving in the seemingly endless desert, we began to get (3)_____. We had been quiet for a few hours when in the *distance*(远方) Chris found some *kangaroos* (袋鼠). We were both excited and (4)_____ to get a closer look. Chris *accelerated*(加速) to catch up with the kangaroos. We got closer and closer and suddenly we heard a loud BANG!

Chris stopped the (5)_____ and we got out. Behind the car was a large kangaroo lying on the ground quiet. Chris went over to the kangaroo and put his baseball cap on (6)_____ head. He took off his jacket and put it on the kangaroo. Then, he put his arm

around the kangaroo and told me to take a photo of them (7)_____. I was still in shock, but I took out my camera. While I was *focusing*(对焦) the camera, I (8)_____ the kangaroo move. It suddenly woke up, looked at Chris, and *hopped away*(跳走) into the distance before we could do anything.

I started laughing but Chris looked very (9)_____. He said his wallet was in the jacket. I started laughing even harder. I stopped (10)_____, however, when he said that our car keys were also in the jacket!