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**PRACTICE B.**

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Hello, everyone. I am Timothy Brooks. I am (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actor at the Stardust Theatre Company. I am married (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Brooks. She is a singer at our theatre company. She sings beautifully, (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she dances badly. Jennifer is a tall woman. She (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dark hair and blue eyes. She is very good-looking. We have pretty twin daughters, Tina and Lisa. They were born (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1997. They (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_very lovely babies. They are 18 (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ old now. Because they are adults, they always help (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I need it. Lisa loves (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so she reads them every day. She also likes art and music. She listens to classical music and jazz and (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the piano. She is going to a jazz festival (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ April. Tina loves sports. Every morning, she gets up very early and goes (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a walk. She goes bike riding (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sundays and she swims every day. Tina likes healthy food. She hates meat, so she (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eats it. She usually eats fruit and vegetables.

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**PRACTICE D.**

**Read the telephone conversation. Fill the gaps with ONE WORD ONLY**.

Alex: Hello?

Christina: Hi Alex, this is Christina. How are you?

Alex: I don’t feel so well, actually.

Christina: That’s too bad. What happened?

Alex: It was (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cold yesterday. I was outside all day, and I (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wear a coat. Now I have a runny nose and a sore throat. My head hurts, too.

Christina: Then you should see a doctor.

Alex: I know. (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a doctor’s office in my neighborhood. It’s

(4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to my house, actually. I can walk there in one minute.

Christina: Then go right away. I hope you feel better soon!

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**OLR U2 T5 – LIVING IN SPACE**

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