


**Then their sentences got harder
than what had been there**



Fill in the gaps

_____ (1) plan was simple: they would meet at the old train station, where they had hidden _____ (2) supplies, and from _____ (3) begin the hike up the mountain. It was more difficult than they expected, especially after they realized they had forgotten their map back at the cabin. Still, they pressed on, hoping to reach the summit by noon. First, they stopped to eat, _____ (4) continued climbing. _____ (5) was a moment when they thought they saw a bear, but it turned out to be nothing more _____ (6) a log shaped rather suspiciously. _____ (7) nerves settled down after that, but it took longer _____ (8) they had planned to reach the halfway point. _____ (9) it started to rain, and there was no shelter in sight. They huddled under a tree, regretting _____ (10) decision to ignore the forecast. Still, _____ (11) spirits remained higher _____ (12) one might expect, considering the circumstances.



Confusion-off: Stage I

_____ (1) dog ran over _____ (2) to chase a squirrel.

_____ (3) was a loud noise coming from _____ (4) garage.



The students forgot _____(5) lunchboxes over _____(6) by the bench.

I saw _____(7) names written on the wall over _____(8).



_____ (9) a rumor that _____ (10) team might win the championship.

_____ (11) are cookies on _____ (12) kitchen counter—guarded by a cat.



_____ (13) parents parked over _____ (14) near the entrance.

Someone took _____ (15) seats even though _____ (16) were plenty of others.



_____ (17) was no doubt about _____ (18) excitement.

I placed the gifts over _____ (19), next to _____ (20) backpacks



Confusion off: Stage II

She is faster _____(1) her brother, but _____(2) he's more strategic.

We'll eat dinner first, _____(3) go watch a movie that's better _____(4) the last one.



It was cheaper _____(5) I thought, and _____(6) I bought two.

He'd rather sleep in _____(7) get up early, _____(8) complain about missing breakfast.



More people arrived _____(9) we invited, and _____(10) someone brought cake.

That movie was scarier _____(11) I imagined, _____(12) it turned into a musical.



I'd rather be kind _____(13) be right, and _____(14) walk away with peace.

She practiced more _____(15) anyone else, _____(16) completely nailed the performance.



It's harder _____(17) it looks, _____(18) suddenly it all makes sense.

They're louder _____(19) a rock concert, _____(20) somehow even louder after sugar.



He spoke louder _____(21) necessary, _____(22) realized the mic was on full volume.