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Main Words


1. seldom	Not often, infrequently
2. muttered	To speak unclearly and quietly, usually to complain
3. apron	A covering, usually made of a piece of cotton cloth
4. tied	To fasten together
5. proud	Pleased, satisfied with an accomplishment
6. humble	Poor, unimportant
7. scarcely	Almost not, hardly
8. accustomed	Used to, adapted to
9. inquired	To ask about something
10. truth	Accuracy, correctness
11. clasped	To hold tightly
12. delight	Happiness, pleasure
13. exclaimed	To cry out, shout
14. pleasure	Enjoyment, feeling of happiness
15. grand	Splendid in appearance, wonderful
16. servants	A person who is paid to do household jobs
17. gain	To obtain, acquire

The script must be played at least three times.   

As you may think, Mrs. Duddleston was strangely surprised at the news; but she did not become excited; she very seldom did, I believe.


 (Listen Carefully : _____
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She ran to her closet, and pulled out a nice, clean apron and cap, and

 (Listen Carefully : _____
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"Indeed, but I'm proud," she said, turning to Prince George, "to welcome you to our home. 'Tis but poor and humble, but we shall think more of it after this. I'll hurry and get dinner at once. I dare say you are hungry, gentlemen."

Prince George laughed gayly, as he thanked her for her kind welcome, and sat down.

 (Listen Carefully : _____
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Prince George inquired about their business and pleasures.


"Do you never come up to London?" he asked; "I think you would find it worth your while to take a holiday some time, and see the great city."

 (Listen Carefully : _____
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"And why, John, have you never taken your wife as well, to see the great sights?"

"Well, to say the truth," answered John, "I do not go to see the sights; for though I've been two or three times, I don't think I've seen any.

"I must need go sometimes to buy whalebone, and other trifles which I must have for my business here. So I just go and come back, and meddle with none."

 (Listen Carefully : _____
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Mrs. Duddleston clasped her fat little hands with delight.

"And shall I see the Queen?" she exclaimed.

"And see both the Queen and myself," answered the Prince. "Come, John, say you will do so!"

"Surely, sir," said John, "I should like to give the good woman a bit of pleasure in that way, but your grand servants would shut the doors before us, and never let us in, perhaps."

"I can soon set that right!" and taking a card from his pocket, Prince George wrote a few words on it, and gave it to them.

 (Listen Carefully : _____
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Then rising, he and the officer bade farewell to the good people and took their leave.


Listening Exercise 2 Listen to the story, then fill in the blanks.

Listening Exercise 1.

The records prove that women have () () () (), and that there are two women for every man who reaches the age of one hundred.

Listening Exercise 2.

Despite the superstitious () () "the little woman," a female child has more chance of living than a male; for every one hundred () () () () embryo there are one hundred sixty of the male.

Listening Exercise 3.

It is that women who cry easily are () ().

Listening Exercise 4.

As a matter of scientific fact, that habit of shedding () () is really one that makes them emotionally () than men, as crying is both a psychological and physiological release.

Listening Exercise 5.

We need hardly () the joy of both father and son at thus meeting, nor the pleasure with which the father listened to the history of Ali the fears and dangers to which his young son had been ().

Listening Exercise 6.

He was glad, too, that their () Meek-eye had been saved.

Listening Exercise 7.

Refreshed and rested, Ali was able to () his hunger on some ripe dates from the palm-tree, while Meek-eye began to feed upon the grass and leaves around.

Listening Exercise 8.

Ali noticed, while eating his dates, that other travelers had been there recently: as the grass at the side of the pool was () down. This greatly () him. He quickly followed in their track, still going in a southerly direction.

Listening Exercise 9.

He kept the setting sun to his right, and when it had gone down, he () the bright star that had () him before.

Listening Exercise 10.

It was not long before Ali found himself at one of those pleasant green islands which are found () the desert, and are called oases.