A day in the life of Sherlock Groans.

Put in the correct form of the indefinite article (**a** or **an**):

Sherlock always gets up at six o'clock. First he takes ____(1) shower. Then he has ___(2) big breakfast. He eats ____(3) apple and ____(4) banana, well, he sometimes eats ____(5) orange.

Then he goes to his office and sits at _____(6) big desk. He waits for ____(7) phone call.

Today it's ____(8) phone call from ____(9) old lady with ____(10) missing cat. Lady Grey speaks in ____(11) excited tone: "Mr. Groans, I've got ____(12) problem. My cat is missing again. You know Pepper; she's ____(13) wonderful cat, but she often runs away for ____(14) afternoon or ____(15) day. She sometimes likes ____(16) adventure in the woods. I think, she catches ____(17) mouse or climbs ____(18) old tree there. Maybe she can't find her way back home. Help me, please."

Mr. Groans answers: "Don't worry, Lady Grey. I'm ____(18) good detective; I'm ____(19) English detective. English detectives are the best detectives in the world. Give me ____(20) hour."

Mr. Groans puts ____(21) apple and ____(22) orange and ____(23) plastic mouse into his bag and leaves his office. He goes right into the woods and looks around. Then he puts his plastic mouse under ____(24) old tree and climbs the tree. He sits there and makes the noise of ____(25) mouse. ____(26) young cat comes and plays with the plastic mouse, but it isn't Pepper. After ten minutes ____(27)other cat comes; it's Pepper. Then ____(28) big dog comes and the two cats run away and climb different trees. Pepper sits in Sherlock's tree next to him. The dog sits under the tree and barks up the tree. Groans takes ____(29) apple out of his bag and eats it. That's good for his nerves. Then he phones Lady Grey. Groans: "Hello, dear Lady Grey. I have got Pepper; she's here with (30)other cat."

Lady Grey is very happy: "Wonderful. Bring her home."

Sherlock Groans: "I can't. I've got ____(31) problem. I'm in ____(32) tree with Pepper, but under the tree there's _____(33) angry dog. I'm scared of dogs." Lady Grey: "OK. Give me half ____(34) hour."

After twenty-five minutes she arrives on ____(35) old bike. She hits the dog with ____(36) umbrella. But then she looks at the dog again and says: "Oh dear. It's Fiffi, my neighbour's dog. Come on, Fiffi."

She looks up the tree. Sherlock and Pepper sit on ____(37) branch. The branch breaks and Groans and Pepper fall out of the tree. Pepper jumps on ____(38) arm of Lady Grey and miaows.

Lady Grey puts Pepper into ____(39) bag and rides home on her old bike. Fiffi runs next to her and barks.

Sherlock Groans walks behind the bike and the dog. He is happy, because he's _____(40) English detective and the world's best detective.

There are a few new words:

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