

1) Fill in the blanks with words from the following list.

plays /received /people / copies /longest /languages /outsold / career /novels /thriller

Agatha Christie is the world's best-known mystery writer. Her books have been sold over billion ----- in English and another billion over 45 foreign ----- . She is ----- only by the bible and Shakespeare. In a writing ----- that lasted more than half a century, Agatha wrote 79 ----- and short story collections. She also wrote over a dozen ----- including the mousetrap, which is now the ----- continuously running one in theatrical history. In 1971, she achieved her country's highest honour when she ----- the Order of Dame Commander of the British Empire.

2) Put the verbs between parentheses into the right tense / form.

Three years ago, Zlata, a girl from Sarajevo in Bosnia, (to begin) ----- keeping a diary to record her every day events. Her city suffered from war which (to come) ----- ----like a storm attacking Serbian life. Like other families, Zlata and her parents (to be) ----- ----usually hiding from bombs and mortal shells. From her window she watched how the city (to destroy) ----- by the enemy. She (to write) ----- it all down in her diary, pouring out her fears, worries and hopes. When the diary (to publish) ----- at the height of the Bosnian conflict, it became a best seller and was compared to the diary of Anne frank, both for the freshness of its voice and the ugliness of the world it described when the war engulfed Sarajevo, Zlata Flipovic became a (to witness) ----- to food shortages and the (to die) ----- of friends.

3) Circle the right alternative.

Neighbours are (much/more/most) likely to be casual acquaintances than intimate friends. According to the estimates, 90% of adults speak to their neighbours at least once a month- (moreover/despite/but) only 6% have been out for a meal. Fewer than 1 in 5 go out (to/for/at) a drink together. Asked what their neighbours are like, most people are (absolutely vague/ absolute vague/ vague absolutely). Neighbours aren't the people we know best (still/no more/anymore). They aren't the people with (which/who/whom) we share our trouble. But what decides how (neighbour/neighbourhood/neighbourly) you are?

4) Use the words provided in the list to complete the following paragraph.

nosy/ by/ neighbourhood/ loud/ noisy/ jealous/ hell/ paradise/ resident/ criminal/ court

In Britain, over 30.000 people a year complain about (1) ----- neighbours -their music, parties, pets, children and cars, in that order, and many of these complaints go to (2) ----- Take the case of Marion Webster who was found guilty of (3) ----- damage last October for tearing out £50

of flowers from a neighbour's flower beds. Yesterday, she was ordered (4) -----  
----- magistrates to keep the peace for 6 months. Neighbours say that the attack on the  
flowers came after Miss Webster became convinced that a (5) -----  
had trained a squirrel to enter her garden. One said: "the last thing you expect to have when  
you move into a nice quiet (6) ----- like this one is an elderly woman  
acting like a job.

"She likes her garden and she got it into her head that someone was (7) -----  
-----of her flowers. She put up a big metal gate, extended the height of her fences and made the  
place into a fortress. Another reported her to police for playing (8) -----  
classical music at 3 am. One claimed: "she seems to enjoy making everyone's life a (9) -----"

**5) Put the bracketed words into the right tenses and/or forms.**

One of my favourite (1) (to write) ----- is Stephen King, who is  
famous for his horror and fantasy stories. King is very (2) (to succeed) -----  
----- and (3) (to sell) ----- (4) (many) -----  
than 100 million copies of his books so far. He (5) (to write) ----- his  
first story at the age of seven and (6) (to sell) ----- his first piece to a  
magazine when he was eighteen. He has written many books among which are *Carrie* (1973), *The  
Shining* (1976) and *Misery* (1987). *Carrie*, his first novel, is my favourite. It is about a girl who can  
(7) (to move) ----- objects with her mind and uses her ability to harm her  
nasty classmates. Like many of his books, this one has been (8) (to make) -----  
-----into a film.

First: which part of the country you live in?  
Second: how long you (have lived/live/lived) there?

**6) Express the following sentences differently.**

**A-** His mother to him: "Study harder because this is your last chance."

his mother tells him -----

She says to him, "Don't turn off the lights."

She -----

Hill says to me, "How long will you stay in Greece?"

Hill -----

The doctor tells me, "Does your father drink wine?"

The doctor -----

**B-** Tom painted the entire house.

The entire house -----

The forest fire destroyed the whole suburb.

The whole suburb -----

The wedding planner will make all the reservations.

All the reservations -----

The director will give you instructions.

Instructions -----

Someone has cleaned the windows.

The windows -----

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