

Choose the best answer.

That is how Moore arrived at Benchurch. It was a market town, and once a week it was quite busy for a few hours. The rest of the time it was a very quiet, sleepy little place. Moore spent his first night at the only hotel in the town. The landlady was very kind and helpful, but the hotel was not really quiet enough for him. The second day he started looking for a house to rent.

There was (1) **alone / solo / only / solitary** one place that he liked. It (2) **was being / was / had been / is** more than quiet – it was deserted (3) **and / also / as well / but** very lonely. It was a big, (4) **new / modern / elderly / old** seventeenth-century house. It had tiny windows (5) **like / similar / the same / alike** a prison, and a high brick (6) **fence / hedge / wall / building** all round it. It would be (7) **firm / hard / stiff / solid** to imagine a more unwelcoming place. (8) **Although / But / While / Despite** it suited Moore perfectly. He went (9) **to / for / too / of** find the local lawyer, who was (10) **in charge / reliable / to blame / responsible** for the house.

Mr Carnford, the (11) **solicitor / landlord / owner / lawyer**, was very happy to rent the (12) **flat / house / cottage / castle** to him.

‘I’d be glad to (13) **let / allow / enable / permit** you have it free,’ he said, (14) **‘hardly / just / really / exactly** to have somebody living in it (15) **over / repeat / again / some** more after all these years. It’s been (16) **empty / bare / vacant / clear** so long that people have spread (17) **an / some / the / a** lot of foolish stories about it. (18) **You can / You’re going to / You’re / You’ll** be able to prove that the (19) **stories are / stories / story’s / story** are wrong.’

Moore did not think (20) **it / that / of / about** was necessary to ask the lawyer (21) **of / to / for / with** more details of the ‘foolish stories’. (22) **He’s / He / He’ll / He’d** paid his rent, and Mr Carnford (23) **took / said / gave / asked** him the name of an old (24) **slave / servant / worker / maid** to look after him. He came (25) **by / up / over / away** from the lawyer’s office with the (26) **locks / keys / codes / number** of the house in his pocket. (27) **He / She / They / It** then went to Mrs Wood, the (28) **director / boss / landlord / landlady** of the hotel.

‘I’m renting a (29) **apartment / accommodation / building / house** for a few weeks,’ he said. (30) **‘Shall / Must / Should / Can** you advise me about shopping, please? What do you think I shall need?’

‘Where are you going to stay, sir?’ the landlady asked. Moore told her.

She threw up her hands in horror. ‘Not the Judge’s House!’ she said, and she grew pale as she spoke.

He asked her to tell him more about the house. ‘Why is it called the Judge’s House?’ he said, ‘and why doesn’t anyone want to live in it?’

- ANSWERS**
- 1. only
 - 2. was
 - 3. and
 - 4. old
 - 5. like
 - 6. wall
 - 7. hard
 - 8. But
 - 9. to
 - 10. responsible
 - 11. lawyer
 - 12. house
 - 13. let
 - 14. just
 - 15. again
 - 16. empty
 - 17. a
 - 18. You'll
 - 19. stories
 - 20. it
 - 21. for
 - 22. He
 - 23. gave
 - 24. servant
 - 25. away
 - 26. keys
 - 27. He
 - 28. landlady
 - 29. house
 - 30. Can