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Part 1

Weird weather

Mary and John had been staying in London with some friends. When they returned to their house in the country, they had the shock of their life.

'Look at my beautiful car!' cried Mary, 'The windscreen is smashed and there are big holes all over it!'

'And look at the house,' moaned John. 'All of the windows are broken!'

'What happened? What's made this terrible mess?' asked Mary.

'Maybe we've been burgled!' said John. Quickly, they ran inside the house and looked around the living room.

'I don't understand,' said John. 'It wasn't a thief because nothing has been taken.'

They both sat down and thought. Mary suddenly jumped up.

'I know what's happened!' she shouted. 'It was hailstones.'

'Surely tiny balls of ice wouldn't cause such massive damage,' suggested John.

'No, usually they wouldn't,' replied Mary. 'But sometimes, hailstones can be as big as eggs!'

'Really! How do they get so big?' questioned John.

'Well, they are formed at the top of high storm clouds. As the water droplets go up and down they get covered with layers of ice and grow bigger and bigger. Finally, they fall to the ground,' explained Mary.

'Well, it would certainly explain the pools of water in the house and the damage to the car!' agreed John.

1. Read the text. Write the best words to complete each sentence. /5

Example: Mary and John were going home (home/to London/to see friends).

- When they saw the house, Mary and John were _____ (excited/surprised/happy).
- At first, John thought the mess was made by _____ (Mary/the weather/a thief).
- Hailstones are _____ (balls of frozen water/stones covered in ice/clouds).
- Hailstones are formed inside _____ (small white clouds/white wispy clouds/grey storm clouds).
- Hailstones are usually the same size as _____ (tennis balls/peas/eggs).

2. Read the text again. Find an adjective that has the same meaning as each description. /5

Example: not small big

- a. very, very big _____
- b. not low _____
- c. bad and unpleasant _____
- d. pretty and attractive _____
- e. very small _____

Part 2

1. Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous tense. /5

Tom was night fishing. While the fish were sleeping (sleep), he (a.) _____ (swim) down and caught them with his hands. Each time he caught a fish, he (b.) _____ (put) the fish in a small bag tied to his waist. It was easy work and after 30 minutes he (c.) _____ (have) 20 fish in his bag. While he (d.) _____ (swim) home, he (e.) _____ (see) a dark shape following him. It was a shark! It could smell the fish in his bag and it was hungry.

Part 3

1. Complete the sentences with the best abstract noun in the box. /5

beauty kindness ~~anger~~ fear happiness danger

Example: His face was red with anger.

- a. The _____ of the sea amazed and pleased me.
- b. I was full of _____ when I found the treasure.
- c. I saw a shark and I froze with _____ .
- d. I swam away from the shark and away from _____ .
- e. I thanked the fisherman for his _____ .

2. Use the words to explain how clouds are formed. Use the present tense. /10

a. the sun / heat up / the water

b. the water / become / water vapour

c. the water vapour / rise up / into the sky

d. the water vapour / condense / into water droplets

e. the water droplets / make / the clouds
