**Fill in the text with a suitable tense from the box above.**

'We have not cared to live in the place ourselves,' said Lord Canterville, 'since my grand-aunt, the Dowager Duchess of Bolton, was frightened into a fit, from which she never really recovered, by two skeleton hands being placed on her shoulders as she (1). for dinner, and I feel bound to tell you, Mr. Otis, that the ghost (2). by several living members of my family, as well as by the rector of the parish, the Rev. Augustus Dampier, who is a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. After the unfortunate accident to the Duchess, none of our younger servants would stay with us, and Lady Canterville often got very little sleep at night, in consequence of the mysterious noises that (3) from the corridor and the library.'

     'My Lord,'(4) the Minister, 'I (5) the furniture and the ghost at a valuation. I come from a modern country, where we have everything that money (6)....................; and with all our spry young fellows painting the Old World red, and carrying off your best actors and prima-donnas, I reckon that if there (7)....................such a thing as a ghost in Europe, we'd have it at home in a very short time in one of our public museums, or on the road as a show.'

     'I fear that the ghost exists,' said Lord Canterville, smiling, 'though it (8)...................the overtures of your enterprising impresarios. It (9).................well ..................for three centuries, since 1584 in fact, and always (10)......................its appearance before the death of any member of our family.'

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**Fill in the text with a suitable preposition or article.**

As Canterville Chase is seven miles from Ascot,(1) ............ nearest railway station, Mr. Otis had telegraphed (2)............ a waggonette to meet them, and they started on their drive (3)........ high spirits. It was a lovely July evening, and the air was delicate with the scent of the pinewoods. Now and then they heard (4)........ wood pigeon brooding over its own sweet voice, or saw, deep (5).... the rustling fern, the burnished breast of the pheasant. Little squirrels peered (6).... them from the beech-trees as they went (7)....., and the rabbits scudded away through the brushwood and over the mossy knolls, with their white tails in the air. As they entered the avenue of Canterville Chase, however, (8).... sky became suddenly overcast (9).... clouds, (10).... curious stillness seemed to hold the atmosphere, a great flight of rooks passed silently over their heads, and, before they reached the house, some big drops of rain had fallen.

**ANSWERS**

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6. At
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8. The
9. With
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**Form the necessary part of speech.**

  1.  This was Mrs. Umney, the housekeeper, whom Mrs. Otis, at Lady Canterville's ..............request, had consented to keep on in her **........** position. (**earn; form**)

2. She made them each a low curtsey as they alighted, and said in a quaint, **..........** manner,'I bid you welcome to Canterville Chase.'(**fashion**)

3. **.............**her, they passed through the fine Tudor hall into the library, a long, low room, panelled in black oak, at the end of which was a large stained-glass window. (**follow**)

4. The old woman smiled, and answered in the same low, **.........** voice, 'It is the blood of Lady Eleanore de Canterville, who was murdered on that very spot by her own husband, Sir Simon de Canterville, in 1575. (**mystery**)

5. His body has never been discovered, but his **.........** spirit still haunts the Chase.(**guilt**)

6. That is all nonsense,' cried Washington Otis; 'Pinkerton's Champion Stain Remover and Paragon Detergent will clean it up in no time,' and before the **.........** housekeeper could interfere he had fallen upon his knees. (**terrible**)

  7. 'I knew Pinkerton would do it,' he exclaimed triumphantly, as he looked round at his admiring family; but no sooner had he said these words than a terrible flash of lightning lit up the sombre room, a **........** peal of thunder made them all start to their feet, and Mrs.(**fear**)

8. Mr. Otis, however, and his wife warmly assured the honest soul that they were not afraid of ghosts, and, after invoking the blessings of Providence on her new master and mistress, and making **........** for an increase of salary, the old housekeeper tottered off to her own room.(**arrange**)

**ANSWERS**

1. **Earnest**
2. **Former**
3. **Old-fashioned**
4. **Following**
5. **Mysterious**
6. **Guilty**
7. **Terrified**
8. **Fearful**
9. **Arrangements**

**Finish the questions in order to find as much information as you can about the text.**

**When ………………………………………..?**

**What ………………………………………..?**

**Where……………………………………..?**

**Who………………………………………..?**

**Which ……………………………………?**

**Do ………………………………………….?**

**How many ………………………………….?**

**Why ………………………………………….?**

**Have …………………………………………?**