

Cloze Practice 1

Read the passage carefully and write a suitable answer in the space provided. (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Last night, Roy attended his friend's birthday party at a seaside bungalow. Before he left, he **1** _____ his father that he would be home before eleven o'clock. But Roy did not **2** _____ home until half-past eleven. The first thing he did was to take **3** _____ his shoes. Then he tiptoed to the door and **4** _____ it with his key. He crept through the kitchen and **5** _____ the living room. He was slowly making his way up the stairs to his bedroom when someone **6** _____ on the lights. Roy stopped dead in his tracks. He looked up and saw his father standing right in **7** _____ of him at the top of the stairs.

"You said you would be home by eleven. You did not keep your word. What went wrong, Roy?" asked his father sternly.

Roy knew his father wanted an **8** _____ from him. He replied, "The party started **9** _____ because some of the **10** _____ lost their way there. We had to wait for them to turn up. I am sorry. I did not mean to come home late. It will not happen again."

Roy's father told him that he would not be punished for being late this time. He accepted Roy's apology and told him to get to bed soon because it was late.

Answers:
1. promised
2. return
3. off
4. unlocked
5. entered
6. switched
7. front
8. explanation
9. later
10. guests