

An Aspiring Story

See if you can name all the missing football teams that should just about fit into the missing spaces.

All teams are from the top 4 divisions in England and Scotland (2019-2020)

The Party

I woke up suddenly in my chair, feeling cold. I must have fallen asleep without going to bed _____ (1) my book. The fire I had lit last night only had a few embers so I gave it a _____ (2) with the metal poker. As the fire started to glow and I rubbed my eyes but I could still hardly see in the dimly lit room. I got up and turned the light on. It was _____ (3) and made my eyes hurt so I lowered the dimmer slightly and my eyes adjusted. I saw the date on my Aspire Coaching calendar hanging on the wall – tomorrow was the day of the party and I had forgotten to buy the ham!

I needed a _____ (4). Half a ham wouldn't do. I also needed some help. I needed my team. I needed my _____! (5) First of all I would call my friend Bradders. He would answer his phone because he had an awful _____. (6) His real name was _____ (7) but his nickname was Bradders and he answered straight away. 'How are you Bradders?' I said, 'How's your family? Is your _____ (8) after her fall'. Bradder's mum had fallen whilst eating some _____ (9) cake in the garden and I wanted to check she was ok. Thankfully all was good and no harm was done. Bradders was keen to help and said he would find someone else to come along. I agreed. The more the merrier as we didn't have much time. The rest of my friends wouldn't make it when I tried them.

About 30 minutes later Bradders arrived at my house with his friend Lee. We decide to go in my car but when I went to start it nothing happened. It was a flat battery and I had no jump _____ (10), so we had no choice but to start to walk. We were in the north and needed to get to the _____ (11) of the town so had a long trek ahead. We walked down a small gravel track before coming to a _____ (12). The gentleman was milking some cows but they seemed angry about having their _____ (13). They were wobbling all over the place

My merry men and I needed to go through the field to get to a dark, creepy looking wood called _____ (14). The man was happy for us to go through and unlocked the _____ (15) on the gate as we marched towards the trees. I was nervous, there were lots of creepy _____'s (16) and a very dark, dirty river that filled, and ended at a _____ (17) of water. It wasn't pleasant to look at. Suddenly we heard a howl. _____! (18) We were petrified and ran for it. Our _____ (19) were beating fast and in my head I thought we would come out to an old harbour but instead it was a _____ (20). An old lady was sitting chair on a modern looking jetty in the now strong breeze. She kept her hands on her head because I think she had a _____ (21) and didn't want it to blow off. She kindly offered use of her boat and we asked her for directions to get to where we needed to go. She was so helpful and said as soon as we see a _____ (22) we need to moor up but if we reach an old castle we have gone too far.

We got in the boat and I sat on the _____ (23) whilst Lee steered and Bradders navigated. I could see _____ (24) ,far away and the fresh _____ (25) was exhilarating. We exited the new _____ (26) and came out into the ocean. As it was a clear day luckily we could see where we were going easily and moored up in the right place. We got out of the boat and headed into town. We found the butchers shop to buy the ham but when we got there I wasn't impressed. When the butcher showed it to us it was _____! (27) I couldn't serve that a party. The butcher said the only person in town that would have some better ham was the princess who lived in the _____ (28) near the park which belonged to the princess' mum. The butcher said to watch out for the _____ (29) as they carried flaming torches to anyone causing bother.

We left a bit disgruntled but at least all was not lost. We approached the park and sure enough the _____ (30) were there. Trying to charm these burly men I put on my best Hawaiian voice. ' _____ (31) ' I said. 'How are you today?' But before they could respond I saw that they had spotted Lee trying to climb over a wall. They ran after him with their flaming torches. 'Don't _____ (32) ' I shouted. 'I'll invite you to the party'. The men stopped but one was a little late. As Lee returned he looked down at the back of his trousers. He had a _____ (33) on one side, which made a synched hole through which we could all see a little bit of his bottom cheek. We all rolled around laughing apart from Lee who was feeling a bit sorry for himself. When we eventually stopped the men said sorry to him and gave him a _____ (34) bun, which Lee accepted and quickly gulped it down making him smile again.

We visited the princess in her huge, sparkling home and invited her and her mum along to the party as well in exchange for the ham we needed. Thankfully they said yes and looked forward to the day.

We left the town happy, took the boat back to the old lady, darted back through the woody area through the grassy meadow, inviting the man still milking his angry cows to the party. He said he would bring milkshakes and that was the reason the cows wobbled. We got back to my house, I said goodbye and thank you to Bradders and Lee and sat back to my comfy chair letting out a huge sigh.

What an adventure.

The party went ahead the next day and everyone enjoyed it. As well as the ham and milkshakes we had red _____ (35) cheese.

Until next year!