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1. Read and answer

Bingo! Bang goes a beautiful friendship!

Leeds Crown Court yesterday heard the story of Luty Benn and Rosemary Morecombe, next door neighbours and best friends, who played bingo together every Thursday night for over seven years. From the beginning, the two women agreed to split any money they won fifty-fifty, and this system worked perfectly well until one evening, three years ago, Mrs Morecombe managed to win the National Jackpot – a total of over \$42,000.

At first she assured her friend that she would share the winnings as usual, and both women went home excitedly planning how they would spend the money. However, by the next day, Mrs Morecombe had changed her mind. She offered to give Mrs Benn a quarter of the \$42,000, but Mrs Benn refused to accept anything less than half. Mr Morecombe, attempting to keep the peace between the two angry women, suggested that his wife gave her friend a third of the money instead, but Mrs Benn still insisted that she was entitled to an equal share. She claimed that they had an unwritten agreement to share their winnings, and threatened to take her neighbour to court if she did not hand over the full amount. Husband Ronnie Benn, 34, tried to persuade his wife to accept Mrs Morecombe's offer, but Mrs Benn refused to give up and so eventually this week the case appeared in court, although by this time Mr Benn had decided to leave his wife, unable to bear the financial and emotional pressure of the lawsuit any longer.

The judge, Annabel Archer, listened as Mrs Benn accused her former friend of cheating her while, for her part, Mrs Morecombe denied entering into an agreement with Mrs Benn. After hearing both sides of the story, Ms Archer concluded that Mrs Benn was right, there had been an unwritten agreement and she ordered Mrs Morecombe to pay Mrs Benn \$21,000 plus \$6,000 interest

1. What was the relationship between Mrs Morecombe and Mrs Benn?

2. What was Mrs Benn's husband attitude towards the dispute?

3. What were the consequences of going to trial for Mrs Benn?

4. Did Mrs Benn get exactly half of the money? How much did she get?

5. How important did the unwritten agreement turn out to be? How do you know?

2. Read Mrs Morecombe's diary entry for the night after she won the National Jackpot and fill in the blanks with a suitable connective

"I feel that as from today my life will never be the same. I've won the National Jackpot! It was _____ a big surprise that I nearly had a heart attack when I realised. There's so much I want to do. I'm so excited _____ I can't think properly. I feel that _____ I organise everything carefully, I will make lots of mistakes. To begin _____, I owe my brother \$600, _____ I'll pay him back. I'll also give Liz, my daughter, the money she needs to finish building her house so _____ she doesn't have to ask for a bank loan.

And what about Pete, my young boy? _____ he doesn't need the money – he's got a good job – I'll have to give him some, too. _____, I can give him a smaller amount _____ he'll probably just use it to travel.

I still don't have the money, but as _____ as they give it to me I'll start doing all this."

3. Go on reading and fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word

"Being rich is quite liberating. There's very little I will have to worry about from now on. I won't have to cut _____ on my expenses and I will be able to _____ a good deal of money on my old kitchen. I will even be able to travel to the place _____ my parents were born!

There's just one problem. That stupid agreement I _____ with Lucy. She's the one _____ had this silly idea and now, she'll get _____ the money. It's not fair! _____ I give her the money, I will not be able to do everything I want. I have an idea, I'll give her a quarter of the money and I'll spend the rest quickly in _____ she doesn't want to accept my offer. If she's clever _____, she'll know what's _____ for her and she will accept my offer."

4. Read Mr Briggs's story. Fill in the blanks with the verb in brackets in the correct tense. When you see + use a modal

POOR RICH MR BRIGGS

"Two years ago I won \$1 million on the lottery and to be honest, now I really wish I _____ (NOT HAVE). I know I've got a six – bedroom house with a swimming pool and tennis court, and a Mercedes convertible. All of this _____ (+ BE) wonderful, but this money _____ (BRING) me nothing but unhappiness.

Three months ago my wife, Joanne, _____ (LEAVE) me and took our two children with her. I _____ (+ ADMIT) she had warned me that if I did not spend more time with her and the children she _____ (LEAVE), but I didn't listen. I _____ (+ REALISE) what was happening, but I didn't. I was too busy _____ (ORGANIZE) the building of this house. I miss them so much. There's no point in having all this wealth if you don't have anyone _____ (SHARE) it with. I live alone in this huge house. Most days I just sit _____ (WATCH) TV and playing computer games. I _____ (BUY) every game under the sun and _____ (PLAY) each a hundred times. I jump up every time the phone _____ (RING) in case it's Joanne, but it never is. I _____ (BE) the happiest man on earth if she came back home.

I know that if she gives me a second chance I _____ (MAKE) good use of it. My life is a total mess. Next week I _____ (START) therapy. Maybe once I'm better I _____ (+ TALK) to Joanne and _____ (MAKE) her change her mind... In fact, I _____ (CALL) her right away and tell her I _____ (NEVER STOP) loving her."

5. Complete the conversation between Joanne Briggs' wife and a friend before leaving Mr Briggs.

Joanne: Really Meg, I don't know what to do. John has become a stranger to me.

Kelly: _____ ?

Joanne: Before he won the lottery he was adorable. He liked spending time with me and the

