

# LISTENING ACTIVITY

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## NORTH AND SOUTH

**1**  Listen to the audio and complete the text. Choose from the word /words in the basket.

- moving • lawyer • city • each other • description • almost • asleep • qualities • home • marriage

Margaret spoke gently to her cousin, but she had fallen **1** ..... on the sofa. How beautiful she looked, thought Margaret. They had grown up together, but it was only now, when Edith was about to be married, that Margaret found herself considering Edith's **2** ..... Edith was an only child and, even though she was a little spoilt, she was very sweet.

Life was going to change for both of them. Edith and Captain Lennox were getting married and they were **3** ..... to Corfu with the regiment. Margaret Hale, who was nineteen, a year older than Edith, was going to live with her parents again in the beautiful southern village of Helstone.

Margaret was excited about going **4** ....., but it would be strange to leave London. She had lived with Aunt Shaw for **5** ..... ten years in a beautiful house in Harley Street. Margaret's father was a poor vicar and her parents had sent her to London to enjoy life in the **6** .....

Margaret thought that her mother and aunt were jealous of **7** ..... . Despite the fact that Aunt Shaw had not married for love, Mrs Hale was jealous of her sister's wealth. Although her **8** ..... to General Shaw had been based on respect, she did not want that for her only child. Captain Lennox was tall and handsome and Edith loved him, of course. It was just unfortunate that the Captain did not have a beautiful house or a title.

Neighbours came to the house for dinner that evening and a little later the Captain's brother arrived. He was a **9** ..... called Henry Lennox and although Margaret liked him and considered him a friend, she was not in love with him. When he sat next to her, she knew she would have a pleasant evening.

'Tell me about Helstone,' he said to Margaret. 'Is it a village or a town?'

'Oh, it's too small to be called a village. There's a church and a few cottages near the green and roses round the doorways.'

'Your **10** ..... is like a picture,' said Henry. 'I would like to visit you at Helstone.'

'I hope you will,' said Margaret. 'Then you will see what a beautiful place it is.'  
(from Chapter One)



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### 2 Choose the correct answer – a, b, or c.

**1. Edith was Margaret's**

- a. younger sister.
- b. cousin.
- c. best friend.

**2. Edith and Captain Lennox**

- a. were getting married.
- b. were good friends.
- c. were moving to Helstone.

**3. Margaret had lived with Aunt Shaw**

- a. who lived in London.
- b. who lived in Corfu.
- c. all her life.

**4. Captain Lennox was tall and handsome,**

- a. but he was unpleasant.
- b. but he wasn't rich and didn't have a title.
- c. but Edith did not love him.

**5. Margaret's father was**

- a. a teacher.
- b. a lawyer.
- c. a poor vicar.

