Open Cloze Second year

Nowadays there are far (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many stories of homeowners who have been away on holiday and come home to find that their house has been broken (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, simply locking the doors and cancelling the newspapers is (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_enough to keep out burglars.

A much better way to prevent your home from (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_burgled is to employ a professional house-sitter, (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through an agency such as “Homesitters”, or (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_placing an advertisement in a magazine like *The Lady*. House-sitters are paid around £10 a day, including a food allowance, to live in a house while the owners are (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An extra charge (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made if the house-sitter is required to (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ care of one or more pets.

Agencies, (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ charge a considerable fee for their services, accept full responsibility for anything which might go wrong. House-sitters (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_therefore chosen very carefully; as (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as the usual interview and personal references, inquiries are (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_about any previous criminal convictions.