

Choose the best answer.

He really was an impossible person. Too shy, and he had nothing at all to say. When he came to your studio, he just sat there, silent. When he finally went, blushing red all over his face, you wanted to scream and throw something at him.

The strange thing was that (1) **at / on / in / of** first sight he looked most interesting. (2) **Anybody / Somebody / Everybody / Nobody** agreed about that. You saw him (3) **at / on / to / around** a café one evening, sitting in (4) **one / a / that / some** corner with a glass of coffee (5) **on / at / to / in** front of him. He was a (6) **narrow / thin / thick / sleek**, dark boy, who always wore a (7) **metal / blue / curly / leather** shirt and a grey jacket that (8) **was / were / is / had** a little too small for him. (9) **She / It / He / Him** looked just like a boy who (10) **has been / has / was / did** decided to run away to sea. (11) **You've / You / You'd / You'll** expected him to get up at (12) **some / any / one / a** moment, and walk out into the (13) **day / midnight / afternoon / night** and be drowned.

He had short (14) **black / gloomy / dim / depressing** hair, grey eyes, white skin and (15) **some / a / one / an** mouth that always looked ready for (16) **raindrops / sea / tears / drips**. Oh, just to see him did (17) **anything / nothing / something / a thing** to your heart! And he had (18) **one / this / those / these** habit of blushing. If a waiter (19) **speaks / was speaking / has spoken / spoke** to him, he turned red!

'Who (20) **that / is / has / does** he, my dear? Do you know?'

'(21) **No / Yes / Do / Don't**. His name is Ian French. He (22) **painter / paints / has painted / is paint**. They say he's very clever. Someone (23) **Ian / I / he / my** know tried to mother him. She (24) **told / asked / said / questioned** him how often he had a (25) **letter / email / report / memo** from home, if he had enough (26) **cushions / curtains / towels / blankets** on his bed, how much milk (27) **was / he / did he / he'd** drank. Then she went to his (28) **office / car / garden / studio** to make sure he had enough (29) **expensive / shiny / long / clean** shirts. She rang and rang the (30) **door / phone / knocker / bell**, but nobody came to the door, although she was sure he was there . . . Hopeless!'

Someone else decided he ought to fall in love. She called him to her, took his hand, and told him how wonderful life can be for those who are brave. But when she went to his studio one evening, she rang and rang . . . Hopeless!

1. at
2. Everybody
3. in
4. a
5. in
6. thin
7. blue
8. was
9. He
10. has
11. You
12. any
13. night
14. black
15. a
16. tears
17. something
18. this
19. spoke
20. is
21. Yes
22. paints
23. I
24. asked
25. letter
26. blankets
27. he
28. studio
29. clean
30. bell