## Lesson 8 Activities

**8.1**

choose the best option for each of the gaps. There is one option you do not need.

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Once upon a time two brothers, Cassim and Ali Baba, lived in a town in Persia. Cassim had married a rich wife, but Ali Baba was poor, and made his living _____ cutting wood, which he brought upon three donkeys to town to sell.

One day, when he was in the forest cutting wood, he saw a troop of horsemen coming _____ him. Fearing they might be thieves who would rob him, he climbed up a tree to hide. _____ the tree, there was a steep bank formed of solid rock. When the horsemen came up, Ali Baba counted them and found they were 40 in number. They dismounted in front _____ the rock, and one of them, who seemed to be the captain, said the words, "Open, Sesame." Instantly, a door opened in the rock, all 40 men passed through and the door closed after them.

Ali Baba stayed in the tree, and after a while the door opened again, and the thieves came _____. Then the captain closed the door by saying, "Close, Sesame," and they all rode away.

**8.2**

Imagine you work for an international company that has decided to encourage its employees to work from home and has invited them to express their opinion on the issue. Write your letter to the company manager explaining why you think working from home is not a good idea. The following notes can help you.

Visits/calls from family/friends
No colleagues/isolation
Neighbourhood noise