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## SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

It was three o'clock. A man <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down a high street in the north of England. He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a dark suit and carrying a suitcase. His name was Terry and he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (live) away from home for the last twenty years. In fact he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in prison.

Terry was feeling totally depressed because everything in his home town <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (change). The park where he used to play was now a car park.

The house where he was born <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear) and in its place, ironically, was a bank. Terry <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to have a cup of coffee in the old snack bar where he used to go with his friends after school but it <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a burger bar.

While he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pay for) the coffee he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) an old ticket in his wallet. It was for a pair of shoes he <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) to be repaired the day before the bank robbery 20 years ago. The shoe repairer was an old man then so Terry was sure that he must be dead. But when he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) the corner of the street he couldn't believe his eyes. The shop was still there! And it was the same shoe repairer! He looked about a hundred years old. Terry was so happy!

Terry told him that he <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Australia for the past twenty years and that he <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to pick up some shoes before he left England. The shoe repairer disappeared into the back of the shop. After ten minutes he <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (come back).

'Were they dark brown, Italian shoes, size 42?' he asked slowly.

'Yes!' said Terry, excitedly.

'They'll be ready tomorrow afternoon,' said the shoe repairer.