

Washington Expert

Read the following text. There are a number of words missing. Write **ONE** word in each gap. The word should make sense in the context and fit in grammatically. Remember to check your spelling.



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There is a certain atmosphere surrounding somebody who lives in Washington. I don't know why but, for some strange reason, everybody seems to think that you know more _____¹ what is going on than they do, and a fellow who makes his home in the nation's capital can look forward _____² being invited to lots of parties. As a matter of fact he can eat and drink for nothing in many parts of the country just _____³ he happens to live in Washington

I discovered this when I went up to New York recently and to my surprise was _____⁴ to a series of dinner parties. Everyone was most interested in learning about _____⁵ was going on in Washington and, to begin with, I was quite honest and admitted I _____⁶ no idea. Not only did this disappoint the people I was dining with, it also _____⁷ them angry. They couldn't believe that I didn't know and assumed I wasn't _____⁸ the truth.

At the first dinner party the hostess told me when I was leaving, “We didn’t expect you to tell us everything, but I see no reason why you have to protect the Administration.” I decided then and there I would _____⁹ to come up with some inside information, or else I would have to pay for _____¹⁰ own meals in New York.

So the next morning I went through all the morning papers and also took time to _____¹¹ TV for the latest news. When I arrived at the dinner party, I was well prepared to discuss almost _____¹². “What do they say about taxes in Washington?” a distinguished lawyer _____¹³ to know, as I picked up my first drink.

“I’ve heard that _____¹⁴ will probably be a tax cut next year,” I said as I popped an olive into my mouth.

“Can you tell us what the President _____¹⁵ to do about Latin America?”

“I’m sorry!” I said. “There are some things the President discusses with me that I just can’t _____¹⁶ about in public.”

“Quite true,” the lawyer agreed. “There’s no point in revealing everything. You’ve probably told us more than you should _____¹⁷ done anyway.”

For the next three days I had more _____¹⁸ to dinner parties than I could accept. But it has _____¹⁹ quite a strain. I have to go on reading so many newspapers and watching so many TV shows from Washington that sometimes I wonder if it’s _____²⁰ the trouble.

Points		Spelling		Total points
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Bedömningsanvisningar

Semikolon markerar alternativa svar.

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Ord med stavfel som bedöms göra orden obegripliga eller leda till missförstånd för en engelskspråkig person ger 0 poäng. Rätta/accepterade svar som innehåller stavfel ger 1 poäng. Ett avdrag för antal felstavade ord görs från slutsumman med högst 2 poäng enligt rutan till höger:

<i>Antal fel-stavade ord</i>	<i>Poängavdrag från slutsumman</i>
1-2	0
3-4	1
5-	2 (maxavdrag)

Nr	1 poäng	Acc. 1 poäng	0 poäng
1	about; of		
2	to		
3	because	'cause	if; that; when; for; as; since
4	invited	asked	it
5	what		
6	had		have; got
7	made	got	did; make
8	telling	speaking	saying; tell; told
9	have; try	need	like
10	my		
11	watch		see; watching; view
12	anything	everything	
13	wanted	hoped; desired	has; wants
14	there		it; they
15	plans; intends	wants	have; going; want; is; has; ought; needs; hopes
16	talk; speak		say, talks; discuss
17	have		be
18	invitations	invites	invitings
19	been	become; proved	being; got
20	worth		