

Why do so many amusing incidents occur (1) ... train journeys? I remember the day when a ticket inspector entered the compartment where six or seven people were sitting. Everyone quickly found their ticket except for the man sitting next to me. His hands dived urgently (2) ... his pockets, and then he began to search through his briefcase. Everyone else could see exactly where his ticket was — he was gripping it between his teeth. The ticket inspector calmly dealt (3) ... all the other passengers. Then, equally calmly, he drew the ticket from between the man's teeth, examined it with (4) ... frown and popped it back again. Once the inspector had left the compartment, (5) ... most of the passengers settled down and carried (6) ... reading their morning papers. As for the passenger who had had his ticket in his mouth, he popped it into his pocket, looking very relieved. He was generally quite (7) ... friendly person, so to make conversation I said to him, "You must have felt foolish — searching (8) ... all your pockets while it was in your mouth." "Foolish?" he whispered. "Not at all — I was chewing the date off."

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