# ROBERTA'S KITCHEN

The kitchen is Roberta's **province.** Roberta is a vigorous fairy who has not gotten any more beautiful (a) _____ the years have **rolled by**! Her fairy wings are **a bit droopy**; she actually hasn't used them for more than a hundred years. (b) _____ if she tried to fly she probably couldn't. Once in a while during the day Suzanne will say to her, "Let's go out and fly a little. I'll take you up on my back, and you can fly yourself home!' But Roberta never (c) _____ answers.

She **rules** the household with a **firm hand**, and everything **is spick and span**, but (d) _____ all her **idiosyncrasies** the Sandman wouldn't be without her. Roberta **scrubs** and polishes **with determination**, she (e) _____ cooks **marvelous** pancakes. Sometimes she **can be grumpy**. Whenever she **gives him a piece of her mind** for leaving his things lying about and making the place untidy, he looks around guiltily and winks (f) _____ Suzanne. **In addition to** cooking and cleaning, she does the Sandman's washing and mending, and she has taught Suzanne to do (g) _____ business in a **tub** in the storage room.

She makes sure the Sandman always has a clean **nightgown** (h) _____ in the **wardrobe** because he wears nightgowns day and night, summer and winter. And she always keeps **a thick pile** (i) _____ warm underwear ready for him.

The Sandman's nightcap is washed out occasionally. It's actually an old **pointed** hat bent (j) _____ the hard work of carrying sandbags. **Considering** the fantastic speed he travels and the air resistance involved, that's not surprising. And here's (k) _____ secret: the Sandman uses the bent-over point of the hat to carry a few **spare** handful of sleeping sand (l) _____ case something happens to the bag at his side (which is usually full of sleeping sand).

Fill in the gaps from (a) to (l), each with one of the following words (1-12). **Three of them are unnecessary**, encircle their number!

1) **Also**
2) **As**
3) **At**
4) **By**
5) **Even**
6) **Even**
7) **For**
8) **Hanged**
9) **Her**
10) **If**
11) **In**
12) **Of**
13) **That**
14) **That**
15) **The**