

Read the passage and fill in the blanks with the correct terms.

The Other Day

I was taking the public bus home from work the other day and thinking about what to cook for dinner, when all of the sudden a kid sitting in front of me started making noises. It sounded like a bunch of slapping. His mother, sitting next to him, was 1.) _____ her phone and didn't bat an eye to his 2.) _____. I was a bit annoyed, but didn't want to make a big deal about it. So, I ignored him.



Unfortunately, he felt the need to be more of a brat and began throwing sunflower seeds at me. I couldn't believe this was happening.

How could his mother allow him to 3.) _____ such inappropriate behavior? Worse yet, his mother sat there with 4.) _____ on what's going on. When a single seed hit me, I was 5.) _____! I stood up and scolded him and the mother. The bus came to a halt. The mom got up, didn't even look at my direction or say anything and left.



To my bewilderment, the boy stayed behind. Then I realized that the woman was not his mother after all. I asked him where his parents were, and he replied that they 6.) _____ long ago. He has been staying with his grandparents and that he's on his way to their house. I gave him a kind smile and offered him a seat next to me. However, he continued to 7.) _____ me with sunflower seeds for the remainder of the bus ride. Such is life I guess.

antics = outrageous/ foolish behavior

livid = very angry

passed away = deceased/ no longer living

bombard = to attack continuously/ too many things at once

engage = participate/ be involved in

no clue = not knowing what is going on

occupied with = busy