Andrew rides his bicycle to work every day, even if it is raining. He has loved bikes ever since he was given his first one on his fifth birthday. When he turns fifty years old this year, he (ride) _______ _______ _______ _______[1] a bicycle for 45 years.

Sometimes people ask Andrew to explain why he likes biking so much that he rides his bike to work. “I’m not sure,” he says. “In a car, I don’t get to feel the wind or the sun on my face. It’s like I’m inside instead of outside. If I drive a car, I (sit) _______ _______ _______ _______[2] in a little room on wheels when I get to work, and then I will spend my workday inside a room, too.”

Because he enjoys biking so much, Andrew started a cycling club 23 years ago. The club named itself “Proud Peddlers.” In a couple of years, he (bike) _______ _______ _______ _______ _______[3] with the club for 25 years.

The first bikers who joined the club were from the company where Andrew works. Andrew had been hired the previous year. This next year, He (work) _______ _______ _______ _______ _______[4] for the company for 24 years.

Proud Peddlers has lobbied to get their city to build more bicycle paths. The members have spoken often at city council meetings, asking that the council members use some money for path-building projects. They have been successful. The city (build) _______ _______ _______ _______ _______[5] bike paths for 15 years when it opens a new path that borders a lake later this month. In all, 47 miles of bike paths have been constructed in the city since Proud Peddlers began.

Andrew believes that he is healthier because of biking, and that many other people in his city are, too. He says, “When we get older, we will be in better shape because we (exercise) _______ _______ _______ _______ _______[6] on our bikes for years. Also, biking families (spend) _______ _______ _______ _______ _______[7] more time outside together while the kids were growing up, so they will be closer. I think that is great.”

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