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For questions 1-8, read the text below and think of the word which fits each gap. Use **only** one word in each gap.

Cats

Cats of all kinds are present in the legends, religion, mythology, and history of (1) different cultures. Cave paintings created by early humans display different types of wild cats (2) are now extinct, or no longer around. Many of these great beasts saw humans as food, but were hunted by humans in return. Cats similar (3) the ones kept as pets today started showing up in artwork thousands of years ago. For example, the ancient Egyptians believed cats (4) the sacred, or special, animal of a goddess named Bast. They believed that Bast often appeared as a cat, so many ancient Egyptians respected and honored cats and kittens. However, other cultures feared cats or thought that they brought illnesses and bad luck. Today, with millions kept as pets in homes around the world, cats have become important members of many families. No one knows for sure when or (5) cats became very popular household pets. It's possible that people noticed how cats hunted mice and rats, (6) they set food and milk out to keep the cats near their homes. This helped to prevent too many (7) these rodents (8) coming into homes and eating people's food or spreading sickness.

Word formation

You are going to read a text about shopaholics. Some words are missing. Use the words in brackets to form a word that fits into each gap.

When shopping gets too expensive

Shopping is one of the most popular spare time _____ (**ACTIVE**). Magazines are full of pictures of celebrities _____ (**LEAVE**) exclusive boutiques, with armfuls of bags bearing distinctive designer logos. Millions of us head off at the weekend to shopping malls near city centres. For the _____ (**MAJOR**) of shoppers, the biggest problems are finding somewhere to park or getting information from _____ (**HELP**) shop assistants.

But for some, the love of shopping can lead to more serious problems. An estimated one in every five people is _____ (**ABLE**) to keep their spending habits under control. Teenagers are twice as likely as adults to become compulsive shoppers.

Experts who specialize in peoples' shopping habits view it as an _____ (**ADDICT**). However, they point out two important differences between shopaholism and other types of addictive _____ (**BEHAVE**). Firstly, it is not taken _____ (**SERIOUS**) by society, even though it can happen to anyone from any social background. Increasing numbers of men are seen going on uncontrollable shopping sprees, although, when asked, they refer to themselves as "collectors" rather than shopaholics. The second is that, unlike drugs, alcohol or gambling, shopping is socially _____ (**ACCEPT**) and therefore easily available. We are constantly bombarded with advertisements _____ (**PERSUADE**) us to buy items we really don't need.

Doctors in the United States have prescribed anti-depressants to shopaholics who cannot stop themselves spending, despite already having enormous debts. In the UK _____ (**MEDICINE**) experts prefer to send such people to places where they are taught money _____ (**MANAGE**).