

1. GROWING UP IN A BIG FAMILY

(0) *Unlike* most people I have ever met, I grew up in a family of eight children. As the eldest, I suppose I inherited a position with some benefits but also quite a few (1) _____. I never had a room of my own – so (2) _____ space is something I've little experience of. On the other hand, our house was often so (3) _____, with children running in all (4) _____, that we were able to get away with a lot. Also, with seven brothers and sisters on hand there was always the (5) _____ of something different to do. Needless to say, it was often (6) _____ difficult for Mum or Dad to get our (7) _____. Sometimes if Mum wanted some help she would just call out all eight names, (8) _____ of who she really wanted, just to see who came running. As children we often had (9) _____, but now that we're adults we get on (10) _____ whenever we meet up.

LIKE
ADVANTAGE
PERSON
CHAOS
DIRECT
POSSIBLE
EXTREME
ATTEND
REGARD
ARGUE
FANTASTIC

2. WILDLIFE IN DANGER

One of the major (0) *environmental* concerns in today's world is the growing list of (1) _____ plants, birds and animals. The (2) _____ threat of all to wildlife is, of course, Man, who must take action now to prevent the (3) _____ of these species. Whales, tigers and elephants all require greater (4) _____ as (5) _____ threaten to drive them to extinction. Similarly, more (6) _____ measures are required to stop global warming, which has led to the loss of important (7) _____ habitats. Fish too, are (8) _____ at risk from high levels of river and sea (9) _____, caused by oil spills and toxic effluent. Stricter government controls will help in the fight to save our wildlife, but so too will a greater public (10) _____ of the issues involved.

ENVIRONMENT
DANGER
BIG
APPEAR
PROTECT
HUNT
EFFECT
NATURE
INCREASE
POLLUTE
AWARE

3.

EXPLORATION

In 1979 the (0) *explorer* Sir Ranulph Fiennes entered an area of Antarctica (1) _____ than Great Britain where no human being had set foot before. "It was an (2) _____ experience," he says, "knowing that we were mapping the area for the first time. Now, of course, satellites can do the same job far more (3) _____." Technology, it seems, and the growth in adventure tourism, may soon see the end of (4) _____ exploration, as fewer and fewer human challenges remain. There are now (5) _____ expeditions every year to places like Everest, where keep but (6) _____ climbers are virtually pulled up the mountain by their guides. (7) _____, the increase in this new trend at tourism is (8) _____ the natural beauty or even the remotest parts of the globe, as (9) _____ and other adventurers leave (10) _____ of their visit in the form of oxygen bottles and other rubbish.

EXPLORE
BIG

EXCITE

EASY

TRADITION
NUMBER
EXPERIENCE
FORTUNATE
THREATMOUNTAIN
EVIDENT

4.

TENNIS

The (0) *earliest* form of tennis was played in the thirteenth century, when (1) _____ hit the ball with their hands, instead of racquets. French monks were enthusiastic (2) _____ of the game, but the Pope at the time strongly (3) _____ of it, and it was banned for being too frivolous. The religious authorities, however, were (4) _____ to prevent the growing (5) _____ of the game and by the sixteenth century it had evolved into the sport of Real Tennis, which was played on an indoor court. The first tennis balls were filled with hair and small stones - a (6) _____ experience for anyone who was hit by one. (7) _____, balls are now significantly (8) _____, consisting of two half shells of rubber covered with cloth. They are also more (9) _____ than before; bright yellow is a lot (10) _____ to see on our TV screens than the traditional white.

EARLY
PARTICIPATEPLAY
APPROVE
ABLE
SUCCEEDPAIN
LUCK
LIGHT
COLOUR
EASY