

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## THE TEXTING PIGEONS



Not everybody recognises the benefits of new developments in communications technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ made by the sensors will be automatically (7) \_\_\_\_\_ into text messages and beamed to the Internet – where they will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on a dedicated "pigeon blog".

The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to capture aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny "pigeon kit" containing all these (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, (10) \_\_\_\_\_, that is, from the camera, which will hang around its neck.

The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of an interactive map, which will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ local residents with up-to-the minute information on their local air quality.

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| 1. A) result    | B) outcome     | C) effect     | D) conclusion |
| 2. A) danger    | B) threat      | C) risk       | D) peril      |
| 3. A) Therefore | B) What's more | C) Whereas    | D) That is    |
| 4. A) make      | B) launch      | C) reach      | D) take       |
| 5. A) armed     | B) loaded      | C) granted    | D) stocked    |
| 6. A) studies   | B) readings    | C) reviews    | D) inquiries  |
| 7. A) adapted   | B) converted   | C) revised    | D) applied    |
| 8. A) attend    | B) present     | C) issue      | D) appear     |
| 9. A) gadgets   | B) utensils    | C) appliances | D) implements |
| 10. A) instead  | B) except      | C) apart      | D) besides    |
| 11. A) shape    | B) way         | C) form       | D) size       |
| 12. A) offer    | B) produce     | C) donate     | D) provide    |

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