

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.

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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