

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A idea B view C thought D decision

0	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
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## Essential tips

- ▶ Read the title and the whole text to get the general meaning.
- ▶ Some of the questions will ask you to choose a word from a set of words with similar meanings.
- ▶ The word you need may be part of a collocation, an idiom, an expression or fixed phrase. You may need a preposition, which is part of a phrasal verb or a linker.
- ▶ If you are not sure which of the options fits best, say the sentence to yourself and use the one that sounds best.
- ▶ When you have finished, read the text again to make sure it makes sense.

**Question 3:** The gapped word is part of a fixed phrase. Which verb best completes the phrase *when it ... to?*

**Question 6:** Sisters, brothers, grandparents are all ... of your family.

**Question 8:** The gapped word is part of a fixed expression. Which verb best completes the phrase ... *the best for somebody?*

## Working parents

Reliable studies have shown that children of parents who both go out to work have no more problems than children with one parent staying at home. My personal (0) ..... is that both parents should go out to work if they wish.

Some parents invest so much in a career that they cannot (1) ..... to give it up. Others have to work because of economic (2) .....

There are several options when it (3) ..... to choosing childcare from child minders to the kind neighbour (4) ..... the street.

No (5) ..... how good the childcare may be, some children protest if their parents aren't around. Babies become dependent on parents and close family (6) ..... , so parents should make sure they allow (7) ..... time to help their child settle in with their new carer.

Remember: if parents want to (8) ..... the best for their children, it's not the quantity of time they spend with them, it's the quality that matters.

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| 1 A bear   | B decide   | C hope      | D expect    |
| 2 A reason | B duty     | C necessity | D task      |
| 3 A refers | B concerns | C turns     | D comes     |
| 4 A of     | B opposite | C across    | D next to   |
| 5 A way    | B matter   | C surprise  | D exception |
| 6 A people | B adults   | C members   | D grown-ups |
| 7 A little | B no       | C lots      | D plenty of |
| 8 A make   | B give     | C have      | D do        |