

WORD FORMATION

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

Degus

You may be (1)_____ with the degu, but this small sociable mammal is growing in (2)_____ as a 'pocket' pet. They are sometimes called 'brush tail rats' because of their (3)_____, but they are completely unrelated to rats. As the natural inhabitants of desert-like parts of central Chile, they can live in the Andes mountains at a height of 3,500 metres above sea level, although this is quite (4)_____. They live in groups as big as a hundred, so if you're thinking of getting one as a pet consider buying two or more. There is no shortage of websites with (5)_____ on caring for this small rodent. So what do degus eat? You should (6)_____ them a mixture of specially-made dry food that doesn't have sugar in it and leafy vegetables. As their teeth are (7)_____ growing, they are capable of chewing through plastic so buy a metal cage that is as big and (8)_____ possible. Degus dislike being picked up, but with the right sort of (9)_____, they will eat from your hand or allow you to stroke them. In the wild, they clean themselves in a 'sand bath' by rubbing sand into their fur. This is normal (10)_____ so make sure there is a bowl of sand in your pet's cage.

FAMILY

POPULAR

APPEAR

USUAL

ADVISABLE

FOOD

CONSTANT

PRACTICE

ENCOURAGE

BEHAVE

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Motorbike Stunt Rider

I work (1) ... a motorbike stunt rider - that is, I do tricks on my motorbike at shows. The Le Mans racetrack in France was (2) I first saw some guys doing motorbike stunts. I (3).... never seen anyone riding a motorbike using just the back wheel before and I was (4) impressed I went straight home and taught (5) to do the same. It wasn't very long before I began to earn my living at shows performing my own motorbike stunts.

I have a degree in mechanical engineering; this helps me to look at the physics (6) lies behind each stunt. In addition (7) being responsible for design changes to the motorbike, I have to work (8) every stunt I do. People often think that my work is very dangerous, but, apart (9) some minor mechanical problem happening occasionally during a stunt, nothing ever goes wrong. I never feel in (10) kind of danger because I'm very experienced

VOCABULARY

1. Tina was over the _____ with her exam results. She got top marks in all her subjects.	APARTMENT
2. I want to be self-employed when I finish studying. I'd like to be my own_____.	BLOWN
3. I thought I'd lost my wallet so I was _____ to find I'd left it in the shop when I went back to check.	BOSS
4. Alex was_____ away by the paintings in the gallery. He thought they were amazing.	COMPETE
5. The pilot apologised _____ the delay in taking off.	COPE
6. Our science teacher thinks we can benefit _____ working as a team in class.	DAILY
7. Some people _____ a living from blogging. I'd like to do this when I leave school.	END
8. If you don't go to the party, you are missing _____ on lots of fun.	EXPECTATIONS
9. It's really important to get _____ the spirit of things when you go on a ski holiday.	FOR
10. It's best to tell your boss something is wrong at the first _____ of trouble.	FOR
11. My teacher insists _____ us being on time. He doesn't like it when we are late for class.	FROM
12. Employers like people who can _____ with change. Things never stay the same for ever!	HIGH
13. Sheila was really disappointed. The trip didn't live up to her_____.	IMPROVE
14. I'm afraid it might be cloudy when you go to Sweden so you don't _____ up seeing the fantastic green lights across the winter skies.	INTO
15. Sight-seeing and guided tours might not appeal _____ everyone. Some people prefer to avoid crowds.	MAKE
16. Going to the Ice Hotel in Sweden is _____ on my list of places to visit in the world.	MOON
17. If you want to write a successful blog you should update it on a _____ basis.	MOVED
18. In my dreams, I'm a top-class architect designing _____ complexes that people live in.	OF
19. Last summer we stayed in a _____ village with just two shops.	ON
	OUT
	POWER
	RELIEVED
	REMOTE
	REQUIRES
	SIGN
	SPOT
	TO
	WINDING

20. Jen's team has qualified _____ the sprinting final. She came second in the trial race.

21. The residents were disappointed by the planners' decision to build a new _____ station opposite their homes.

22. The city museum is a well-known tourist_____ so it's not unusual to see crowds.