

Write the corresponding letter in each blank

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).

0 A circumstances B background C topic D context

Opposites don't attract after all

In the (0) D of interpersonal relationships, it is often claimed that opposites attract. Just as two magnets with opposite poles are (1) _____ together, so people are (2) _____ to be attracted to those who are poles apart.

However, all the evidence seems to point towards the opposite conclusion: that the more similar two people are, in (3) _____ of everything from their political views to the products they tend to buy, the better their relationship is likely to be. We (4) _____ not to be much like magnets after all.

One significant (5) _____ of surrounding ourselves with people who share our views, values and preferences is that we can easily end up with a distorted worldview, as we are rarely (6) _____ to different opinions. Comfortable as it is to spend time with people who agree with us on (7) _____ everything, it is also important to seek out opposing (8) _____ – people who will tell us, 'Actually, no, you're wrong.'

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| 1 A thrown | B sent | C drawn | D dragged |
| 2 A assumed | B realised | C concluded | D acknowledged |
| 3 A spite | B sense | C case | D terms |
| 4 A come across | B end up | C go on | D turn out |
| 5 A oversight | B downside | C falsehood | D omission |
| 6 A uncovered | B displayed | C exposed | D revealed |
| 7 A virtually | B somewhat | C hardly | D relatively |
| 8 A aspects | B impressions | C assumptions | D viewpoints |