

ENRICO RASTELLI

Read the text below and write the word that best fits the gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Enrico Rastelli was probably the greatest juggler the world has ever known. Juggling involves throwing (1)_____ number of objects up into the air and catching them (2)_____ dropping a single one. Rastelli was able to juggle (3)_____ many as eight balls at the same time. However, (4)_____ made him a genius was his perfect style, rather (5)_____ the quantity of objects he (6)_____ juggle.

Rastelli's contributions to juggling were many. He started using rubber balls (7)_____ of the cotton balls that were (8)_____ use at the time. These rubber balls are now standard. It was Rastelli, too, who began the now commonly seen practice (9)_____ throwing a ball into the air and then catching (10)_____ on a stick held in his mouth.

Enrico Rastelli was born into a circus family in Siberia in 1896. Although he spent some of his early years in Italy, it (11)_____ in Russia that he acquired his juggling skills. It was not uncommon (12)_____ him to practice twelve hours a day, and this dedication was reflected in his astonishing performances. The degree of control shown (13)_____ Enrico Rastelli has never been equaled.

