Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

MY CHOICE OF CAREER



I am a woman. I am a fisherman. Neither abused **(1)** _____ neglected. I am the product **(2)** _____ a blissful and unique childhood, a rare claim **(3)** _____ days. Like all young children, I believed wholeheartedly **(4)** _____ the words of my mother and father. It was only natural that I **(5)** _____ seriously the assertions of **(6)** _____ parents that I could **(7)** _____ whatever I liked with my life, become **(8)** _____ I wanted. Although the advice they gave **(9)** _____ well intentioned, **(10)** _____ parents never dreamed it might come back to haunt when I decided that **(11)** _____ I liked and wanted to become **(12)** _____ a fisherman.

"Aren't you **(13)** _____ to play in the woods today?" "No". I smiled. "Today I'm **(14)** _____ to sea." And go to sea I did, every chance I got **(15)** _____ the next twenty years. Rarely did a day leave **(16)** _____ ashore. Fishing my way through college, I made my first deep-see trip **(17)** _____ the age of nineteen aboard the Walter Leeman. My primary job was cooking, **(18)** _____ although I dislike the gallery chores, I liked the money. **(19)** _____ wasn't until a fellow crew member hit the bunk with a back injury **(20)** _____ I was allowed to work **(21)** _____ deck, work I enjoyed for years. **(22)** _____ the time I graduated **(23)** _____ college, I had outlasted the original crew member I **(24)** _____ started with, most of **(25)** _____ moved on to boats of **(26)** _____ own, and became captain **(27)** _____ the boat by attrition. Promising **(28)** _____ parents that I **(29)** _____ postpone law school **(30)** _____ just one year, I became a full-time fisherman.

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