

WORKING MOTHERS

Read the text and choose the correct word for the blank.

Reliable studies have shown that the children of working mothers have no more problems than children whose mothers stay at home. My personal (1)_____ is that mothers should work if they wish.

Some women have invested so much in a career that they cannot (2)_____ to give it up. Others have to work because of economic (3)_____, and there are also those who are simply not (4)_____ out to be full-time parents.

There appear to be several options when it (5)_____ to choosing childcare. These range from child minders through to granny or the kind lady (6)_____ the street. (7)_____, however, many parents don't have any choice; they have to accept anything they can't get.

No (8)_____ how good the available childcare may be, some children protest if their parents are not around. This is a(n) (9)_____ normal stage in a child's development. Babies over the age of six months become dependent on mum and close family (10)_____, so make sure that you allow (11)_____ time to help your child settle in.

And don't forget: if you want to (12)_____ the best for your children, it's not the quantity of time you spend with them, it's the (13)_____ that matters.

