

FAMILY HISTORY

Read the text and choose the best word for the blanks.

In an age when technology is developing faster than (1) ____ before, many people are being (2) ____ to the idea of looking back into the past. One way they can do this is by investigating their own family history. They can try to (3) ____ out more about where their families came from and what they did. This is now a fast-growing hobby, especially in countries with a (4) ____ short history, like Australia and the United States.

It is (5) ____ thing to spend some time (6) ____ through a book on family history and to take the (7) ____ to investigate your own family's past. It is (8) ____ another to carry out the research work successfully. It is easy to set about it in a disorganized way and (9) ____ yourself many problems which could have been (10) ____ with a little forward planning.

If you own family stories tell you that you are (11) ____ with a famous character, whether hero or criminal, do not let this idea take over your research. Just (12) ____ it as an interesting possibility. A simple system (13) ____ collecting and storing your information will be adequate to start with: a more complex one may only get in your (14) _____. The most important thing, though, is to (15) ____ started. Who knows what you (16) ____ find?

