

# A BUSY FAMILY

Read the text and fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.

In the front room of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ home, the Henry family gathered around their TV set (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a popular soap opera began. "Look, there's Mum!" shouted 11-year-old Kathy, pointing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the screen. "She's sitting at that table (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the corner." Sure enough, there was Julia Henry, enjoying a relaxed drink in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the country's most famous TV programs.

Julia's family see (6) \_\_\_\_\_ unusual in her job (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a "bit-part" actor, or "extra", because they are all doing it. Her husband, Tony (8) \_\_\_\_\_ been in several drama series as (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as numerous adverts, while Kathy and her 13-year-old brother, Robin have also appeared (10) \_\_\_\_\_ TV countless times.

It all started four years (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when Tony, an amateur actor from Lancashire, decided to leave his job and take (12) \_\_\_\_\_ acting professionally. At the age of 41, it was a big step to take, but he has regrets about it at all. Soon the whole family were being offered chances to play small parts just like him, though Tony admits there are times when he wishes he (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a star. "We really enjoy our lives," says Tony, "although it is difficult to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ plans. A couple of phone calls can turn our week upside down, but we love (15) \_\_\_\_\_ minute of it!"

