

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!"

