

USE OF ENGLISH

Word formation

Pencil

Friends or contacts?

I find it (1) _____ that social media sites use the word 'friends' instead of the more neutral 'contacts'. To me, a friend is a person you can turn to in difficult times, who will be (2) _____ when you have problems. Also, your friends should (3) _____ live reasonably close so that they can help out in a crisis. I suppose a social media contact could (4) _____ care about you, but I usually trust people I know in real life much more. I am fine chatting online with people who share the same interests – in my case, ballroom dancing – as it can be difficult in real life to find friends who share my (5) _____ for my hobby. I am still (6) _____ and hoping to meet someone in the future but I have not seriously considered online dating. For one thing, my family's (7) _____ would put me off.

FRUSTRATE

SUPPORT

IDEAL

GENUINE

ENTHUSE

MARRY

APPROVE

The average number of children per woman has now (0) shrunk to under two. This is (1) _____ due to the fact that the number of women who remain (2) _____ has risen to one in five. In much of the world, (3) _____ is now a choice for women and many prefer to opt out. On the other end of the spectrum, there are some families in Britain who go to the other extreme, most (4) _____ the Radford family from Morecambe, Lancashire, who welcomed their 21st child last month. Like some other large families, usually from the US, the Radfords have their own (5) _____ TV show, which is currently called *21 Kids and Counting*. The show reveals a normal, loving family full of humour, kindness and (6) _____. All the children seem to get on very well together with the older ones helping the younger ones in a selfless manner. It is shocking to learn, however, that some people can be very (7) _____ when it comes to large families. Parents Sue and Noel have been on the receiving end of some very nasty comments. In my view, this behaviour shows those people's (8) _____.

**SHRINK
LARGE
CHILD
REPRODUCE**

NOTE

REAL

GENEROUS

JUDGE

SECURE