

WORDS IN CONTEXT

Read the following passage and write the words in the blanks below.

calculated	fill out	owe	refund
deadline	gave up	penalized	spouse
filed	joint	prepares	withhold

Every year, my wife gathers all of our pay stubs and expense reports and (1) _____ to fill out our tax forms. She tries to finish them in March, well before the April 15th (2) _____. It's a time-consuming process. There are receipts to find, records to organize, and forms to (3) _____. When we first got married, we (4) _____ separate returns. But now she marks me as her (5) _____ and files the (6) _____ return. It saves us money and saves me time!

My wife is very proud of her accuracy. The government has never sent the forms back with corrections. For several years now, we have received a (7) _____. But this year, she (8) _____ the numbers over and over again and found we had not paid enough taxes throughout the year. She didn't want to (9) _____ any money. Finally, she (10) _____ and sent in our check. Actually, it was my fault. I had changed jobs and didn't ask my employer to (11) _____ enough money from my paychecks. I'm just glad we found and corrected the mistake before we got (12) _____.