

Match the headings (A-H) to extracts 1-7. Write your answers in the table. Use each heading only once. There is one extra heading you do not need to use.

- A An occasional pleasure
- B Simple safety measures
- C Weather photography
- D Opportunity for designers

- E Fast food roots
- F Unique shapes
- G Designers in unexpected places
- H Lessons in safety

① The world's top fashion designers don't just create glamorous clothes for the rich and famous. Bruce Oldfield has designed uniforms for workers at the fast food chain McDonald's, as well as the kit for Norwich City Football Club. Also, the Italian police wear uniforms designed by Armani and the staff of the French national airline are dressed by Christian Lacroix.

② One of the great joys of childhood is riding a bicycle, but with high levels of traffic on most roads these days, parents often worry if it's a good idea to let their kids have one. Fortunately, most local councils run courses on road awareness for children, which will teach them all the do's and don'ts of riding a bike on the road.

③ In a world where everyone is on the go, lunch is often a slice of pizza or a burger. But if you think that grabbing a bite to eat is a modern convenience, think again. One of the most popular quick meals, the sandwich, dates back to the 18th century. It is said that the 4th Earl of Sandwich came up with the idea of putting cooked meat between two slices of bread so that he could eat while he was playing cards.

④ Young designers hoping to gain recognition in the glittering world of high fashion are putting their creations on the catwalk later this month at the city's Arts Centre. The top executives of some of the biggest fashion companies will be there on the lookout for new talent to employ.

⑤ A book that would make a lovely present is *Snow Crystals* by photographer Justin Elliot. Elliot has captured hundreds of snowflakes on film seconds after they fell to the ground. The pictures show the beautiful intricate pattern of each snowflake. Although most snowflakes have six sides they all have their own individual crystal pattern. They are a delight to look at.

⑥ The home is a dangerous place. Accidents in the home result in 3 million people in the UK paying a visit to the hospital every year. The most common type of accident is a fall, and ordinary household items are often involved. Slippers, flowerpots and even tissue paper have been blamed for thousands of injuries. But using just a little common sense can prevent most mishaps from occurring.

⑦ Fast food comes in for a lot of bad press. It's unhealthy, we eat too much of it and too many people have forgotten how to cook properly because of it. But, even though all this may be true, there is still something to be said in its favour. As a treat, once in a while, a fast food meal in front of the TV after a hard day's work is just the ticket!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Read the text and complete gaps 1-7 with the correct form and tense of each verb in capitals.

The Unusual Candidate

Business at the garage was booming so Mr Owen 1) to employ another mechanic. There were three mechanics at the moment but they couldn't keep up with the workload. "I'll have to call the local employment agency," he told his staff. "We need someone to start immediately and there 2) time to advertise in the paper." Mr Owen spent the whole of the next day interviewing mechanics who 3) by the agency. The last candidate was ten minutes late arriving and Mr Owen was becoming impatient. "I'm so sorry I'm late. Would you believe it? My car broke down!" she gasped as she 4) through the office door. Mr Owen was speechless. The girl was tiny and she looked so young. "5) (you) this kind of work before?" Mr Owen asked her. "It can be quite strenuous, you know." He realised that the girl 6) out her resumé for him to take. He quickly read it and couldn't help 7) She was actually twenty-five and had excellent references.

DECIDE

NOT BE

SEND

BURST

DO

HOLD

IMPRESS

Read the text and complete gaps 1-6 with the correct derivative of each word in capitals.

FLAGS: A brief history

Flags are believed to have been invented by the ancient Indians or the Chinese. They were 1) used mainly in warfare as a means of identification or for signalling. Because the flags were designed for easy 2) from a distance, they did not use wording and had simple patterns. The two sides of the flag were always the same. In Europe, the first 'national' flags appeared in the Middle Ages. Many of the 3) of that time chose the flag of their patron saint to represent their country. By the 14th century, flags were also being used as symbols for 4) and guilds. Over the centuries, the flag has developed many special uses. A ship will hoist a yellow flag to warn others that someone on board has an 5) disease, and a white flag is used all over the world as a signal for a truce. 'The Jolly Roger' – the name given to the flag traditionally used by pirates – shows a skull above two long bones in a crossed 6)

ORIGIN

RECOGNISE

LEAD

ORGANISE

INFECT

ARRANGE

Read the text. For gaps 1-7, choose A, B, C or D to complete each gap correctly.

Caring for your house plants

Generally, indoor plants will flourish with the minimum of care. The most 1) mistakes that owners make is to water their plants too frequently. The roots of a plant will rot and the plant will eventually die if it is given too much water. A good way to 2) whether a plant needs watering is to push your finger about an inch into the soil to 3) if it is dry.

Most indoor plants require a degree of humidity. Unfortunately, modern central heating systems can sometimes 4) the atmosphere very dry, but there are ways to increase the humidity in your house. Placing plants on trays filled with damp gravel, or simply grouping them together can 5) You can also spray the plants once or twice a day with water, using a mist sprayer.

Some species of plants, such as cacti, thrive in direct sunlight, whereas others, like the aspidistra, prefer low levels of light. In fact, the aspidistra is sometimes 6) to as the cast-iron plant, as it is one of the toughest varieties of house plants.

Your plants will also need feeding regularly throughout the spring and summer months. There are a couple of simple rules that apply to feeding. The food for plants that are grown primarily for their foliage needs to be high in nitrogen, usually indicated on the container 7) the letter 'N'. For flowering plants, look for 'K20' which denotes high levels of potash.

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| 1 A ordinary | B standard | C common | D regular |
| 2 A check | B estimate | C inspect | D examine |
| 3 A view | B look | C see | D watch |
| 4 A do | B cause | C make | D lead |
| 5 A help | B aid | C assist | D support |
| 6 A pointed | B related | C referred | D known |
| 7 A from | B in | C of | D by |