

## Word formation

For questions 17–24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

### Brain games

According to experts, doing puzzles keeps our brains fit and (0) **healthy**. **HEALTH**

As well as gaining (17) ..... from finding the correct answer **SATISFY**  
to a difficult problem, we give our brains a good workout in the  
process. To help us do this, all sorts of handheld 'brain games'  
are now available in the shops, and the most (18) ..... games **SUCCESS**  
have sold in their millions.

What's more, people (19) ..... that the more they play the **COVER**  
games, the easier it is to find a (20) ..... to the problems **SOLVE**  
posed. They see this as proof that there has been an (21) ..... **IMPROVE**  
in the power of their brains. Unfortunately, however, this may  
be a false impression.

Some (22) ..... argue that the brain gets better at any task **SCIENCE**  
the more often it is repeated. In other words, the improvement  
in the (23) ..... of the brain is something that happens naturally. **PERFORM**

So although these brain games are obviously fun to play, it  
remains (24) ..... whether they are actually helping to boost **CERTAIN**  
brainpower or not.

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