Part 2

For questions **9–16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

The Mini-Monet

Kieron Williamson is a very successful landscape painter. His paintings, **(0)** which mostly depict the peaceful countryside around his home village in eastern England, sell very well. Perhaps this shouldn't **(9)** ..... as that much of a surprise. It's a beautiful part of the world, and landscape paintings are always popular.

The strange thing about Kieron, however, **(10)** ..... that he is only seven years old. At a recent exhibition of his work, all the paintings were sold in half an hour, some for £100,000 each. Kieron now has fans all over the world, and has gained the nickname the 'Mini-Monet'.

What's even **(11)** ..... surprising is that Kieron doesn't come from an artistic family, and only started painting two years **(12)** ..... . He first got inspiration **(13)** ..... some boats he saw on holiday at the seaside. Kieron asked his parents if they **(14)** ..... buy him a sketch pad and pencils **(15)** ..... that he could draw them. Only when they saw **(16)** ..... well he drew did they realise that he was talented.

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