

Word Formation

For questions 1 - 8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. *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 (1) _____ SATISFY from finding the correct answer 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 (2) _____ SUCCESS games have sold in their millions.

What's more, people (3) _____ COVER that the more they play the games, the easier it is to find a (4) _____ SOLVE to the problems posed. They see this as proof that there has been an (5) _____ IMPROVE in the power of their brains. Unfortunately, however, this may be a false impression.

Some (6) _____ SCIENCE argue that the brain gets better at any task the more often it is repeated. In other words, the improvement in the (7) _____ PERFORM of the brain is something that happens naturally.

So although these brain games are obviously fun to play, it remains (8) _____ CERTAIN whether they are actually helping to boost brainpower or not.

Don't catch cold

According to recent (0) *research* SEARCH, at least some of the advice about health that was passed down to our grandparents by previous generations may actually contain some (1) _____ TRUE.

A good example is the (2) _____ RELATION between feeling cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply dressing in (3) _____ SUIT clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.

Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (4) _____ ABSENT of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (5) _____ APPROPRIATE your clothing.

But (6) _____ SCIENCE now think that we may have viruses in our bodies already, which are just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather, for example, blood vessels in the nose get smaller to stop heat escaping. (7) _____ FORTUNATE, this also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more (8) _____ EASY. So, perhaps Granny was right!