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## THE ART OF BEING A PARENT

In order to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ children, many qualities are required. As well as the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ requirements such as love, patience and understanding, a sense of humour is an important feature of any parent's personality. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, it's quite an art to transform a child's bad mood into (4) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone in the family can live with.

Another aspect of child rearing is teaching children limits and rules. This means the child needs to be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of what his or her rights are and what other people's are, too. Setting limits on children must occur on a daily basis. Temporary measures don't achieve anything but just waste time. A (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mistake, however, is being (7) \_\_\_\_\_ stricter than necessary. Parents must be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow their children the opportunity to explore and learn (9) \_\_\_\_\_ experience. What's more, most parents must know the importance of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as it gets children used to certain everyday activities. For instance, eating at the same time (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their parents gets them into the habit of sitting at a table and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ them how to conduct themselves properly.

Overall, child rearing is no easy task but it is certainly a challenge and a learning experience.

1	A grow	B grow up	C born	D bring up
2	A routine	B popular	C ordinary	D usual
3	A In fact	B But	C All in all	D As well as
4	A temper	B character	C behaviour	D manner
5	A known	B accustomed	C familiar	D aware
6	A willing	B famous	C common	D continuous
7	A very	B far	C quite	D fairly
8	A keen	B eager	C interested	D willing
9	A by	B on	C from	D with
10	A custom	B routine	C fashion	D trend
11	A like	B as	C than	D of
12	A learns	B educates	C teaches	D instructs

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## A **TAXI**

# EXPERIENCE

As a journalist, I'm asked to travel around the globe to all sorts of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ countries.

Over the years, I've used different means of transport. Of course, for long (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

flying is the fastest and safest way to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a far-off destination.

Unfortunately, I'm not a very organised traveller and despite my travel agent's best efforts, (4) \_\_\_\_\_

always goes wrong. Last week, while I was heading for the airport, I realised I had left my passport at home. Obviously, I had

to go back so I asked the taxi driver to turn around and take me home. In the meantime, I crossed my fingers and hoped that I  
wouldn't miss my (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

All the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ home, the driver was speeding in and out of traffic. He got even more carried

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ when he got on the motorway, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at speeds of up to 150 kilometres  
per hour.

By the time we arrived home, I was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a state of shock and it took me a while to

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ my breath. So, before driving off again, I decided to pay him (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
extra, so that he would go slower as we were bound (12) \_\_\_\_\_ have an accident.

1	A curious	B peculiar	C foreign	D strange
2	A travels	B excursions	C tours	D trips
3	A arrive	B reach	C get	D approach
4	A anything	B something	C everything	D nothing
5	A flight	B cruise	C trip	D journey
6	A road	B way	C route	D direction
7	A away	B on	C out	D along
8	A moving	B travelling	C transferring	D transporting
9	A at	B under	C on	D in
10	A hold	B catch	C keep	D find
11	A many	B a little	C a few	D some
12	A to	B for	C in	D of