

Task 2

- You are going to read an article about some problems in a town in Minnesota. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (9-16).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the dotted lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



CHAOS IN MINNESOTA

A group of young residents in Gilbert, Minnesota, who are (0) _____ (*able*) to handle their alcohol have been drifting around the town, looking disoriented and narrowly avoiding getting (9) _____ (*hit*) by cars. However, these aren't drunk teenagers. Instead, it's the local bird population.

"The Police Department has received several (10) _____ (*report*) of birds that seem to be 'under the influence of alcohol' flying into windows and cars and looking (11) _____ (*confuse*)," said Police Chief Ty Techar. "An early frost meant that berries had fermented (12) _____ (*early*) than usual, and birds were eating them and getting drunk."

Such incidents around town are more common than in past years, because many birds have not yet migrated south. As they prepare to fly south for winter, they may eat too many berries to store up fat for the journey. They go from bush to bush (13) _____ (*try*) to find more berries, and their balance is gradually getting worse. They are (14) _____ (*typical*) seen flying lower than usual through traffic. They're just (15) _____ (*care*) and they're not watching out for cars and other objects around them. Their silly (16) _____ (*behave*) is a sign that they're drunk. Usually they just need a bit of time to recover.

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