

Meet Mr and Mrs Average by TIM WOODWARD

*Write **a**, **an**, **the**, - (**no article**) in the gaps below*

They own _____ £106,000 house, drive _____ small hatchback and go on holiday to Spain.

He supports Manchester United, is 5ft 9in and 12st 8lb. In _____ normal week, he drinks four pints of beer, six glasses of wine and has _____ occasional whisky.

She is 5ft 4in, 10st 7lb, and during her life, she will spend 15 months on _____ phone and watch more than 40,000 hours of television.

Meet Mr and Mrs Average - proud parents of _____ 1.8 children and residents of Swindon.

_____ fascinating glimpse into _____ lifestyle of _____ typical British couple emerges from a series of surveys. Mrs Average, it appears, was in love with another man long before she met Mr Average - but has never told her husband. He had four previous lovers.

After they reach 40, they face _____ 50 per cent chance of getting divorced.

The couple are likely to be more interested in tending _____ garden than DIY. They live in _____ Swindon, _____ thriving Wiltshire town whose population is most similar to that of _____ UK as a whole.

Both work, bringing in about £800 between them _____ week. Their house is filled with most of _____ modern luxuries, including a television and _____ CD player.

When their daughter gets married, _____ couple will splash out £10,151 on _____ wedding - while their future son-in-law will spend _____ mere £40 on the ring. The Averages have about 75 friends and will each walk 13,673 miles in their lives.

But they are largely sedentary and unhealthy, liking nothing better than sitting down in front of _____ television with _____ takeaway meal - watching their favourite programmes, Coronation Street and EastEnders.

While they occasionally go to _____ cinema, they are not interested in theatre, ballet or opera.

Each will eat 7,300 eggs over a lifetime, and get through 3,500lb of _____ chocolate.

Both used to smoke, but have now given up. Neither is _____ heavy drinker. Mrs Average has three glasses of sherry and a couple of glasses of wine a week. They believe in God, but do not go to church, and are convinced they could one day win _____ lottery jackpot. At _____ last election, they voted Labour, even though they used to like Mrs Thatcher. Mr Average will die at 74 - most probably of heart disease - but his wife will make it to 79.