

Exercise 2: Read the passage and choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

ENERGY SAVING

Saving energy doesn't have to be expensive or time consuming. But what can you do to save energy? There is (1)_____ that you can do to help the process of energy conservation. You can save energy by doing things like making sure that the kettle doesn't (2)_____ more water than is needed, always washing a full load in the washing machine rather than a half load or turning down your central heating by 1°C - this could cut your (3)_____ bill by 10%.

Making sure that hot water taps are not left (4)_____ and replace washers if your taps drip. (5)_____ work you can turn off (6)_____ and your computer if you are not using them. (7)_____ to energy saving light bulbs - these use around a quarter of the electricity, and often last eight times (8)_____ than an ordinary bulbs. Close your curtains at (9)_____ to keep the warm air from escaping through the windows. Switching off electrical appliances when they are not in (10)_____ makes a big contribution to energy saving, too.

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| 1. A. plenty | B. lot | C. little | D. few |
| 2. A. consist | B. contain | C. compose | D. include |
| 3. A. hot | B. heat | C. heating | D. heated |
| 4. A. closing | B. opening | C. running | D. flowing |
| 5. A. By | B. At | C. In | D. On |
| 6. A. any | B. all | C. those | D. no |
| 7. A. Change | B. Consume | C. Buy | D. Sell |
| 8. A. higher | B. fewer | C. less | D. more |
| 9. A. morning | B. ease | C. dusk | D. once |

10. A. short B. advance C. order

- D. use  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

Exercise 2: Fill in each numbered blank with ONE suitable word.

In Britain there is a holiday now which people call Mother's Day. In the old days, many girls from working-class (1) _____ in towns and cities and from farmers' families in the country worked in rich houses. They had to do all the (2) _____ and their working day was usually very long and they (3) _____ on Sunday, too. Once a year, it was usually (4) _____ Sunday in March, they could visit their mothers. They went home on that day and (5) _____ presents for their mothers and for (6) _____ members of their families. They could stay at home only one day and then they went (7) _____ to their work. People call that day Mothering Day (8) _____ Mothering Sunday. Later workers at the factories and girls (9) _____ worked in the houses of rich families received one free day a week, and Mothering Day became Mother's Day. It is (10) _____ last Sunday in March.

Exercise 1. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the questions.

If parents bring up a child with the sole aim of turning the child into a genius, they will cause a disaster. According to several leading educational psychologists, this is one of the biggest mistakes which ambitious parents make. Generally, the child will be only too aware of what his parents expect, and will fail. Unrealistic parental expectations can cause great damage to children.

However, if parents are not too unrealistic about what they expect their children to do, but are ambitious in a sensible way, the child may succeed in doing very well - especially if the parents are very supportive of their child.

Michael Collins is very lucky. He is **crazy about** music, and his parents help him a lot by taking him to concerts and arranging piano and violin lessons for him. **They** even drive him 50 kilometers twice a week for violin lessons. Michael's mother knows very little about music, but his father plays the trumpet in a large orchestra. However, he never makes Michael enter music competitions if he is **unwilling**.

Winston Smith, Michael's friend, however, is not so lucky. Both his parents are successful musicians, they set too high a standard for Winston. They want their son to be as successful as they are and so they enter him for every piano competition held. They are very unhappy when he does not win. Winston is always afraid that he will disappoint his parents and now he always seems quiet and unhappy.

1. One of the serious mistakes parents can make is to _____.
A. push their child into trying too much B. help their child to become a genius
C. make their child become a musician D. neglect their child education
2. Who have criticized the methods of some ambitious parents?
A. Successful musicians B. Unrealistic parents
C. Their children D. Educational psychologists
3. Parents' ambition for their children is not wrong if they _____.
A. force their children into achieving success B. themselves have been very successful
C. understand and help their children sensibly D. arrange private lessons for their children
4. Michael Collins is fortunate in that _____.
A. his father is a musician B. his parents help him in a sensible way
C. his mother knows little about music D. his parents are quite rich
5. The phrase "**crazy about**" in the passage mostly means _____.
A. surprised at B. extremely interested in
C. completely unaware of D. confused about
6. The word "**They**" in the passage refers to _____.
A. Michael's parents B. violin lessons

- C. parents in general
D. concerts
7. The word "**unwilling**" in the passage mostly means _____.
A. getting ready to do something
B. not wanting to do something
C. not objecting to do something
D. eager to do something
8. All of the following people are musicians EXCEPT _____.
A. Winston's father
B. Winston's mother
C. Michael's father
D. Michael's mother
9. Winston's parents push their son so much and he _____.
A. has won a lot of piano competitions
B. can not learn much music from them
C. has become a good musician
D. is afraid to disappoint them
10. The two examples given in the passage illustrate the principle that _____.
A. successful parents always have intelligent children
B. successful parents often have unsuccessful children
C. parents should let the child develop in the way he wants
D. parents should spend more money on the children's education