

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

MY CHOICE OF CAREER



I am a woman. I am a fisherman. Neither abused (1) _____ neglected. I am the product (2) _____ a blissful and unique childhood, a rare claim (3) _____ days. Like all young children, I believed wholeheartedly (4) _____ the words of my mother and father. It was only natural that I (5) _____ seriously the assertions of (6) _____ parents that I could (7) _____ whatever I liked with my life, become (8) _____ I wanted. Although the advice they gave (9) _____ well intentioned, (10) _____ parents never dreamed it might come back to haunt when I decided that (11) _____ I liked and wanted to become (12) _____ a fisherman.

"Aren't you (13) _____ to play in the woods today?" "No". I smiled. "Today I'm (14) _____ to sea." And go to sea I did, every chance I got (15) _____ the next twenty years. Rarely did a day leave (16) _____ ashore. Fishing my way through college, I made my first deep-see trip (17) _____ the age of nineteen aboard the Walter Leeman. My primary job was cooking, (18) _____ although I dislike the gallery chores, I liked the money. (19) _____ wasn't until a fellow crew member hit the bunk with a back injury (20) _____ I was allowed to work (21) _____ deck, work I enjoyed for years. (22) _____ the time I graduated (23) _____ college, I had outlasted the original crew member I (24) _____ started with, most of (25) _____ moved on to boats of (26) _____ own, and became captain (27) _____ the boat by attrition. Promising (28) _____ parents that I (29) _____ postpone law school (30) _____ just one year, I became a full-time fisherman.

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