

# WORKING MOTHERS

*Read the text and choose the correct word for the blank.*

Reliable studies have shown that the children of working mothers have no more problems than children whose mothers stay at home. My personal (1)\_\_\_\_\_ is that mothers should work if they wish.

Some women have invested so much in a career that they cannot (2)\_\_\_\_\_ to give it up. Others have to work because of economic (3)\_\_\_\_\_, and there are also those who are simply not (4)\_\_\_\_\_ out to be full-time parents.

There appear to be several options when it (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to choosing childcare. These range from child minders through to granny or the kind lady (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the street. (7)\_\_\_\_\_, however, many parents don't have any choice; they have to accept anything they can't get.

No (8)\_\_\_\_\_ how good the available childcare may be, some children protest if their parents are not around. This is a(n) (9)\_\_\_\_\_ normal stage in a child's development. Babies over the age of six months become dependent on mum and close family (10)\_\_\_\_\_, so make sure that you allow (11)\_\_\_\_\_ time to help your child settle in.

And don't forget: if you want to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the best for your children, it's not the quantity of time you spend with them, it's the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ that matters.

