***Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.***

# THE TEXTING PIGEONS



Not everybody recognises the benefits of new developments in communications technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative **(1)** _____ on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at **(2)** _____ of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. **(3)** _____, in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about to **(4)** _____ to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each **(5)** _____ with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The **(6)** _____ made by the sensors will be automatically **(7)** _____ into text messages and beamed to the Internet – where they will **(8)** _____on a dedicated "pigeon blog".

The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to capture aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny "pigeon kit" containing all these **(9)** _____. Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, **(10)** _____, that is, from the camera, which will hang around its neck.

The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the **(11)** _____ of an interactive map, which will **(12)** _____ local residents with up-to-the minute information on their local air quality.

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| **1.** | A) result | B) outcome | C) effect | D) conclusion |
| **2.** | A) danger | B) threat | C) risk | D) peril |
| **3.** | A) Therefore | B) What's more | C) Whereas | D) That is |
| **4.** | A) make | B) launch | C) reach | D) take |
| **5.** | A) armed | B) loaded | C) granted | D) stocked |
| **6.** | A) studies | B) readings | C) reviews | D) inquiries |
| **7.** | A) adapted | B) converted | C) revised | D) applied |
| **8.** | A) attend | B) present | C) issue | D) appear |
| **9.** | A) gadgets | B) utensils | C) appliances | D) implements |
| **10.** | A) instead | B) except | C) apart | D) besides |
| **11.** | A) shape | B) way | C) form | D) size |
| **12.** | A) offer | B) produce | C) donate | D) provide |

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