

WORDFORMATION

TEXT 1

Oxford is certainly a very **1)** (**history**) place which boasts a number of **2)** (**true**) prestigious colleges. One of them is definitely Christ Church College, known as The House. Apart from its **3)** (**beat**) tuition and academic traditions, it is also famous for its probably first in the world graffiti. The story goes back to the 16th century, when the Black Death was taking its toll across England, the **4)** (**physic**) at Christ Church College prescribed potato peels to prevent the disease from spreading. Having eaten the peels for all the meals day in day out, the students of the college got **5)** (**rebel**) and burnt an inscription on one of the doors, saying 'No Peel'.

So, Christ Church College is not only an institution where you can **6)** (**broad**) your knowledge, but it's also a place where you can relive history.

TEXT 2

I guess I'm lucky in life. **7)** (**like**) some of my friends I have found my best mate. Her name is Lizzie, and we get on like a house on fire. I'd call our relationship very **8)** (**harmony**). What I like the most is all the **9)** (**similar**) between us. We are both into the same things, we share the same **10)** (**believe**), and even look almost like twins. We are **11)** (**separate**), as we spend most of our time together. Some people would do anything to **12)** (**wide**) their circle of friends while I'm happy just to be with Lizzie.

TEXT 3

How will people spend their holidays in the years to come? What type of holiday is likely to take off in the **13)** (**foresee**) future? Well, experts in the travel industry predict a big rise in short but extraordinary trips. 'Clients are short of time, but still fancy **14)** (**explore**) the world. These single day holidays are once in a lifetime experiences for them,' says one of the tour operators. 'People crave **15)** (**excite**) and adventure, and that's what we offer at reasonable prices,' she adds. One of the trips on offer is to Lapland. It's a fun-filled day for the whole family. The holidaymakers **16)** (**put**) up in a nice lodge, experience a snowmobile adventure, go on a reindeer sleigh ride, and fly back home for supper. Sounds great, doesn't it?

TEXT 4

Why do some sportspeople succeed? What does it take to do well in **17)** (**compete**) sports? Well, the answer seems obvious, one may say. Those who are at the top in their sports discipline dedicate themselves completely to their **18)** (**pursue**). However, there is more to being **19)** (**stand**) that meets the eye. Scientists from the University of Portsmouth have identified a **20)** (**combine**) of factors responsible for this ultimate success. Their research offers **21)** (**prove**) that to succeed, apart from all the hard work, the athlete needs to be supported by his or her family, be optimistic, full of self-control, and above all **22)** (**will**) to develop holistically. The study also shows that the level of concentration has to be very high at all times. A high achiever has to **23)** (**strong**) his or her mind as well as the body. It's all in the mind, which explains why a lot of **24)** (**gift**) athletes do not fare well in the long run.