Complete the exercise with the correct option.

A Conversation with the Bloggers: *Lisa and Jules Conner*

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Lisa, Jules, and Jonathan Conner

Lisa: Welcome to "Our Only Child!" "Our Only Child" is the first blog for families like us—happy families with just one child. We started this blog because we want to share information with other one-child families.

Jules: Many people think that only children are _____ (1. (intelligent / lonely)) because they don't have _____ (2. (a baby / siblings)). However, we all know that this is not true!

Lisa: Of course it's not true! We can spend a lot of time with our children because we don't have to _____ (3. (afford / take care of)) other children. Many parents with large families don't have enough time to do this, especially if both parents work full-time. Parents with one child don't have this problem.

the American _____ (4. (population / personal)) say that a one-child family is the best family size. But recently, *Time Magazine* said that one-third (33 percent) of young Americans plan to _____ (5. (have / make)) just one _____ (6. (child /money)) after they _____ (7. (get married / take care of)).

Jules: Why is this? Of course, every family is different, so this is a very

_____ decision for every couple. But life in most
8. (personal / population)
American cities today is expensive. It costs between $286,000 and $324,000 to

_____ a child to age 18 in the U.S.—and that's before
9. (raise / have)
paying for college! Many parents today don't _____
10. (have / make)
enough _____ at their jobs, so they
11. (children / money)
_____ to have a big family.
12. (can't afford / make money)

Lisa: That's one reason that many Americans today are

_____ the _____ decision to have
13. (having / making) 14. (time / responsible)
just one child and to give their child the best life possible!

Lisa Conner Jules Conner

Match the vocabulary on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter of the correct definition on the line.

____ 1. can't afford	a. brother or sister
____ 2. get married	b. decide; choose
____ 3. have a child	c. do everything that someone needs; watch over
____ 4. lonely	d. have a husband or wife; marry (someone)
____ 5. make a decision	e. right or correct for a certain situation
____ 6. make money	f. bring up a child; give a child a home, food, clothing, and education until the age of 18
____ 7. personal	g. don't have enough money (to do something)
____ 8. population	h. give birth to a baby
____ 9. raise	i. individual; different for every person
____ 10. responsible	j. sad because you are alone
____ 11. sibling	k. earn money from your job
____ 12. take care of	l. the number of people in a city, country, the world