

Task 60

You are going to read the first part of a magazine article about two police officers. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the most appropriate word form the list (A-Q) for each gap (1-14) in the text. There are two extra words that you do not need to use. Write your answers in the boxes after the text. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Partners on patrol

Like most married couples, Andy and Helen Butler are used to taking the rough with the smooth. But at least by working together they never have to argue about (0) ____ turn it is to drive.

Because Andy and Helen are the first police husband and wife team on Britain's roads. They live, sleep and work together, 24 hours a day, every day (1) ____ their lives.

"It probably wouldn't (2) ____ for every couple," admits Helen. "But it's been great for us. We've never (3) ____ a row in the patrol car and working the same shifts means we get time (4) ____ together."

The couple, who serve in the Avon and Somerset traffic department in Taunton, (5) ____ spent last Christmas Day patrolling the M5 motorway together.

"It (6) ____ some time to get used to having my wife in the same car," says Andy, 31, who (7) ____ the force as a cadet 15 years ago. "But in (8) ____ it's all worked out very well.

"And (9) ____ our colleagues thought it was funny at first, they've given us a tremendous amount of support."

Helen, who's also 31, says: "When we're (10) ____ work, Andy and I try to treat each other just as we would (11) ____ other colleague. We've both worked with other officers but it's much nicer to be (12) ____ to work with the person you love."

The couple, who've been married (13) ____ two and a half years, believe they are the first – and only – British couple to serve in the same police car.

"And we've done everything we can to (14) ____ it work. Right from day one we tried to make a clear distinction between our private life and our professional life out on patrol," says Helen. "We wouldn't dream of talking about anything other than work while we're on duty."

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