Changes in family life

1 Fill in the gaps with the missing words from the box.

brave – careers – divorces – experience – fashionable – generations – institution – lonely – marriages - single

The number of ..... is increasing year by year. First of all, it is more and more ..... to remain single and unmarried as long as possible. Everybody is building their ....., living their lives, enjoying their freedom and they do not believe in long-lasting ..... or relationships as much as the earlier ..... did. In addition, many of those people who were ..... enough to marry and have a family have divorced after a couple of years or are thinking of it at present. This results in many ..... parents or middle aged people with no kids at all. And children who ..... a divorce will probably not believe in the ..... of marriage either. So, we are heading towards a world of many single and perhaps ..... people.

2 Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps.

No wonder nations are dying out. It is ..... *(interest)*, however, that this is mainly ..... *(character)* of western and ..... *(industry)* countries. Even in these countries, it is more likely that more children will be born in a family that has a lower life standard than in one where they could afford having a larger family. Perhaps in a poorer family, where many ..... *(generate)* have to live together, the concept of 'family' is stronger and they value it much more. In families such as these, the older generations, the grandparents, are also paid more attention to and they are ..... *(respect)* and cared for. In ..... *(west)* countries it is more commonplace that the grandparents go to a ..... *(nurse)* home, the parents are divorced, lead individual lives and the children live on their own from a very young age. Perhaps because it can be afforded. It does not seem to ..... *(strength)* family ties.

Thankfully, there are always ..... *(except)* and sometimes people do find the right kind of partners, have children and bring them up to respect the elders and learn from their ..... *(wise).* This way, they are raised to respect 'the family', are less likely to turn to drugs, to turn into criminals or lonely sad people and can be the type of people that are a hope to a nation.

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