

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Why we need to play

Human beings are not the only creatures that like to **(0)** fun. Many animals play, as do some birds. However, no other creatures spend so much time enjoying themselves as human beings do. Indeed, we **(1)** onto our sense of fun right into adulthood.

So why do human beings spend so much time playing? One reason is that we have time for leisure; animals have very little time to play as most of their life is spent sleeping and **(2)** food.

So, is play just an opportunity for us to **(3)** in enjoyable activities or does it have a more important **(4)** ? According to scientists, **(5)** from being fun, play has several very real **(6)** for us – it helps our physical, intellectual and social development. It also helps to **(7)** us for what we have not yet experienced. With very **(8)** risk, we can act out what we would do in unexpected, or even dangerous, situations.

0 A have B do C get D take

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| 1 | A hold | B keep | C save | D stay |
| 2 | A searching | B looking | C seeking | D gaining |
| 3 | A engage | B combine | C contribute | D involve |
| 4 | A motive | B purpose | C intention | D cause |
| 5 | A excluding | B except | C apart | D away |
| 6 | A assets | B profits | C services | D benefits |
| 7 | A plan | B prepare | C practise | D provide |
| 8 | A brief | B short | C narrow | D little |

Choose the correct option.**Home and abroad**

After a short time living in a foreign country, I noticed conversations with locals assumed a (0) pattern. There were standard answers to the usual questions. Most questions caused little (1) – it was rather like dancing, where both partners know how to avoid (2) on each other's toes.

But, 'When are you going home?' was a question I (3) to answer, whenever I (4) my life and the direction it seemed to be (5) In the last ten years, I had lived in a dozen countries. And I had travelled through dozens more; usually in (6) of a purpose or a person; occasionally to see the attractions.

This kind of travel is not (7) wandering, but is the extensive exploration of a wide (8) of cultures. However, it doesn't allow you to put down roots. At the back of your mind, though, is the idea of home, the place you came from.

0 **A** predictable **B** steady **C** respectable **D** main

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| 1 | A puzzle | B trouble | C obstacle | D barrier |
| 2 | A touching | B moving | C walking | D stepping |
| 3 | A worked | B competed | C stretched | D struggled |
| 4 | A considered | B thought | C reflected | D believed |
| 5 | A making | B finding | C seeking | D taking |
| 6 | A look | B search | C sight | D inquiry |
| 7 | A aimless | B unreasonable | C unreliable | D indefinite |
| 8 | A difference | B arrangement | C variety | D order |