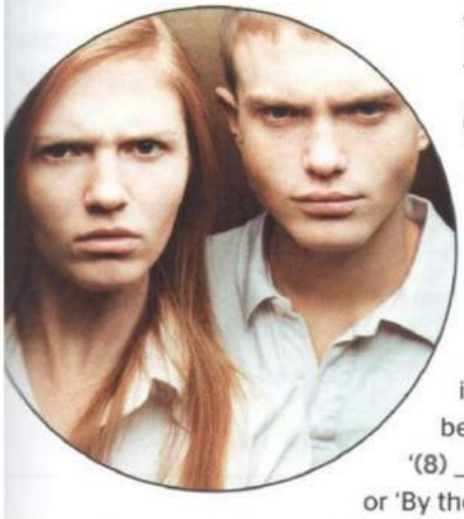


# FRIENDS OR COMPETITORS?



Sibling rivalry (6) _____ around long before parents ever turned to psychologists to understand the problem. In the fairy tale of Cinderella, for example, her sisters treat her badly out of jealousy. But in (7) _____ what can parents do to prevent a similar occurrence in their home? Firstly, they should avoid making comparisons between their children. A parent shouldn't say things like, '(8) _____ the age of four, your brother had learnt to tie his laces' or 'By the time your sister went to school, she (9) _____ for years'. Also, constantly praising one child for some accomplishment will inevitably create feelings of envy in the other. Often the effect of this praise only becomes evident later in life, and, almost always, parents will say they had no idea they (10) _____ any harm. So, the next time your children quarrel, think carefully how to handle the situation.

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| 6. | A. was being | B. used to be | C. had been | D. would be |
| 7. | A. real | B. really | C. realistic | D. reality |
| 8. | A. When | B. By | C. As soon as | D. By the time |
| 9. | A. had been reading | B. was reading | C. used to read | D. had read |
| 10. | A. didn't do | B. used to do | C. would do | D. were doing |

Read the texts below. For questions (1-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

# The dinner table: a family battleground

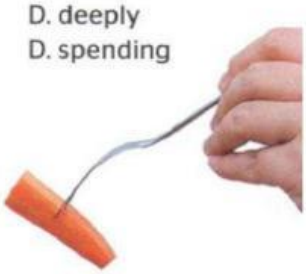
In a family there are various battles one has to fight. But there is one constant battle from infancy to (1) _____ – the fight for nutrition. This involves trying to get your children to eat their greens (2) _____ what they want to eat.

Typically, most parents make their children stay at the table until they finish what is on their plate. But children's determination to limit their diet to whatever they like can be very strong. Very often, the end result is a very irritated parent that has gone to the trouble of making a proper (3) _____ – meaning something that does not focus (4) _____ on potatoes or pasta – and a child that responds with a disgusted 'Yuck!' However, one has to remember that dinner with the family is not primarily about serving up portions of food. On the contrary, it is about enjoyment, and (5) _____ quality time together.

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| 1. | A. youth | B. childhood | C. babyhood | D. adulthood |
| 2. | A. except for | B. instead of | C. as well | D. in addition |
| 3. | A. meal | B. cooking | C. table | D. food |
| 4. | A. extremely | B. absolutely | C. entirely | D. deeply |
| 5. | A. giving | B. taking | C. making | D. spending |







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