

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box:

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Sons usually bear physical and financial burden of aging parents. (false)

Once your parents are old and in need of assistance, you'd better hope you've got a sister around to 1) _____ up to the plate: The new research found that in families with children of both sexes, the gender of the child is the single biggest factor in determining who will provide care for the aging parent: daughters will increase the time they spend with an elderly parent to compensate for sons who reduce theirs. By 2) _____ most of their care-giving duties onto women, men also shift the physical and mental stress of providing care, as well as the financial 3) _____, the study's author said.

The more siblings you have, the more likely you are to divorce as an adult. (false)

You might not have thought so as a child, but having brothers and sisters could be good for you when you grow up. A study found that the more siblings someone has, the less likely they are to divorce. Growing up in a big family may 4) _____ trust, co-operation and other skills and values that help in relationships as an adult, researchers say. Analysis of the family circumstances of 60,000 adults by the University of Ohio showed that for every sibling someone had, their 5) _____ of divorce fell by 2 per cent. Those with seven or more siblings had the most stable marriages, the annual conference of the American Sociological Association heard.

Even less-favoured siblings benefit from favouritism. (true)

While siblings usually know where they stand in the favouritism pecking 6) _____ and may suffer self-esteem issues if they're second-best, all siblings end up benefiting from favouritism — i.e., "YOU ask mom to take us to the park; she never says no to you." In the end, they both win!

