



Task № 1. Choose the most suitable word to fill each space.

Will Brown, a part-time stay-at-home (1) ... of two young girls, is used to stares. “When I’m walking down the street with one baby strapped to my chest and the other (2) ... a stroller – and the kids all look happy – and I walk by a group of mothers, they’re just blown away,” he says. “The easiest way in the world to get a smile is (3) ... a man with a baby.”

Fatherhood has undergone a profound change in (4) ... past half a century. In 1965 fathers were spending 2.6 hours a week on child care; by 2000 that figure (5) ... 6.5 hours. There are three times as many stay-at-home fathers as there were a decade ago, and families (6) ... by single fathers are the fastest-growing household type in the U.S.

For years social scientists considered fathers to be second-string parents, (7) ... players whose main role was to jump (8) ... when Mom was otherwise engaged. However, fathers seem to influence children in unique ways. In particular, they (9) ... an outsized role in challenging their kids and stretching their emotional and cognitive (10) ..., preparing them for the big wide world.

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| 1) A brother | B mother | C father | D grandparent |
| 2) A on | B in | C inside | D at |
| 3) A to be | B be | C been | D have been |
| 4) A a | B an | C -- | D the |
| 5) A reach | B was reaching | C has reached | D had reached |
| 6) A head | B headed | C heading | D headful |
| 7) A bench | B average | C handicap | D top |
| 8) A out | B at | C in | D off |
| 9) A play | B are playing | C played | D had played |
| 10) A skills | B means | C competences | D capabilities |

Task № 2. Complete the sentences with synonyms to the word ‘important’. The first letter and the number of letters are given.

- 1) Patience is an e...[9 letters] attribute for a teacher.
- 2) Experience is i...[10 letters] for this job.
- 3) Fluency in at least two European languages is c...[7 letters] in this field.
- 4) Tom was in u...[6 letters] need of money.
- 5) Your life is too v...[8 letters] to throw it away.
- 6) Thorough preparation for the exams is p...[9 letters].
- 7) The enemy was defeated in a d...[8 letters] battle.
- 8) Many s...[7 letters] illnesses remain uncured.
- 9) Police have found a v...[5 letters] clue.
- 10) It was a s...[11 letters] change in policy.

Task № 3. Match collective nouns (1-10) to animal groups (A-J) to form an expression.

1	A cluster of	A	...caterpillars
2	A company of	B	...butterflies
3	A colony of	C	...cats
4	An army of	D	...owls
5	A pack of	E	...fish
6	A herd of	F	...penguins
7	A flutter of	G	...deer
8	A parliament of	H	...flies
9	A school of	I	...dogs
10	A swarm of	J	...parrots

Task № 4. Fill in the gaps with ONE word, a postposition.

- 1) As I don't work on Mondays, I often sleep ... on Monday mornings.
- 2) Kate was so exhausted that she dropped ... at her desk.
- 3) Fred usually wakes ... at 7 a.m.
- 4) Her children go ... bed at 1 a.m.
- 5) His alarm clock will go ... at 5 a.m. tomorrow. I've set it.
- 6) The lecture was so monotonous that David slept it
- 7) They haven't seen each other for ages, so they stayed ... all night chatting.
- 8) While on guard, try not to doze
- 9) You should sleep ... it and make up your mind tomorrow.
- 10) Stop lying ... on the sofa or you'll fall asleep!

Task № 5. Find mistakes in the lines, some of them are correct. In each line only ONE mistake is possible. There are three examples at the beginning of the extract (0 – spelling mistake; 00 – correct; 000 – unnecessary word).

Tatoos	
When surveyed, most people say they get tatoos oar unconventional piercings	0. <i>or</i>
to express individuality. But could something more psychologically primal be	00. +
afoot? Researchers at the University of Wroclaw in the Poland measured about	000. <i>the</i>
200 men and women – half of them inked or pierced in places other than their	1.
earlobes – for body symmetry, or how similar their right and left sides care.	2.
(More similarity indicates genetic health and is very associated with sexual	3.
attractiveness.) Among the research subjects, men with bodily decorations	4.
exhibited greater symmetry than those without, whereas know differences	5.
emerged in women. Because people who are less symmetric did not opt more	6.
often four tatoos and piercings, researchers rejected one widely held hypothesis	7.
that suggested people use physical graffiti not to hide or distract from	8.
imperfections in their appearance.	
The impulse to get inked may be a risk-taking behavior inherited from anectors	9.
who were strong enough to endure injuries and survive – as opposed to those	10.
whose ancestors survived buy avoiding risk and injury.	