

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

A new study from the Pew Research Center has (1) _____ that most adults under 30 years old are now living with their parents. The study says the number of 18- to 30-year-olds who live at home has (2) _____ an 80-year high. Around 52 per cent, or 26.6 million, of young people are at home with one or both of their parents. Researchers say that (3) _____ since 1940 have so many of the younger generation lived with their parents. Only in the Great Depression (4) _____ the 1930s was the percentage higher. The researchers say there has been a recent (5) _____ in the number of young adults moving back in with their parents. A contributory factor to this (6) _____ is the economic downturn and a rise in unemployment caused by coronavirus.

Regarding the economy, financial analyst Jeremy Sopko said: "You have to take into (7) _____ two huge factors: massive student loan debt and a lack of available work." He added: "It's a difficult situation that's been (8) _____ by the pandemic and it may take ...the better (9) _____ of a decade for younger demographics to recover and be financially stable enough to leave home." Another commentator said the trend could have adverse effects (10) _____ the property rental market. She said: "With a lot of young people not renting, not moving into cities...there is a lot of (11) _____ coming onto the market." Mr Sopko concluded: "For the (12) _____ part, nobody wants to be living at home with mom and dad."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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| 1. | (a) levelled | (b) rebelled | (c) revelled | (d) revealed |
| 2. | (a) satisfied | (b) taken | (c) landed | (d) hit |
| 3. | (a) none | (b) not | (c) no | (d) none |
| 4. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 5. | (a) arise | (b) raise | (c) rise | (d) riser |
| 6. | (a) spike | (b) spoke | (c) pocks | (d) speck |
| 7. | (a) budget | (b) account | (c) balance | (d) statistics |
| 8. | (a) exacerbated | (b) exaggerated | (c) expunged | (d) expurgated |
| 9. | (a) role | (b) part | (c) bit | (d) leave |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) invention | (b) invalid | (c) inventory | (d) inviolate |
| 12. | (a) some | (b) more | (c) many | (d) most |

"Delivery of COVID vaccine needs 8000 jumbo jets"

GAP FILL

Whenever scientists create a vaccine for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be (1) scrambling for cargo aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest (2) logistical operations ever. Aviation experts have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 747 (3) freight planes. This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - one (4) dose for everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has (5) warned governments they must start planning for the (6) mission of the century". It said: "Even if we (7) assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still (8) face its largest single transport challenge ever."

IATA has warned governments that many (9) obstacles must be overcome to ensure the (10) effective distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo (11) hubs and warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. This would require (12) extensive training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert in safely (13) handling and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and cross-(14) border controls. It said: "Vaccines will be highly (15) valuable commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and (16) theft."

dose

scrambling

assume

warned

freight

face

logistical

mission

border

theft

hubs

valuable

obstacles

handling

effective

extensive

CONNECTIVES

KEY

1. **While** we were driving through the Lake District, we saw many picturesque villages.
2. **Despite** having lost only one match this season, we didn't win the championship.
3. Flight attendants who apply for a job must be able to speak **both** English and Spanish.
4. I started learning Chinese **during** my stay in the Far East.
5. This is Jimmy's new bike, **which** he got from his parents. He locks it up every evening **so that** nobody can steal it.
6. She gets up early **in order to** be in time for work.
7. The climate in South Africa is perfect. It's **neither** too hot **nor** too cold.
8. This cell phone tariff costs 8 cents per minute, **whereas/however/while** the other one offers a flat rate.
9. **Although/Even though** my father likes country music, he rarely listens to it on the radio.
10. **In addition** to the six air bags, the car also has a built-in security system.
11. The company manufactures cars **as well as** motorcycles.
12. **Even though/Although** we hadn't eaten for over twelve hours, we weren't very hungry.
13. My sister invited me to her party. **However**, I was so busy I had to tell her I couldn't come.
14. I arrived late for the performance **due to** a traffic jam on the motorway.
15. He spent most of his time playing with his friends. **Therefore/In addition**, he wasn't well-prepared for the exam.

GENERAL VOCABULARY

KEY

1. It's an old and large house, so the **maintenance** costs are very high. (**PROTECTION / MAINTENANCE / CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION**)
2. Nobody knows what kind of plants you can find at the **bottom** of the ocean (**BED / END / BOTTOM / DEEP**)
3. How are we going to identify him **among** all these people? It's impossible. (**BETWEEN / WITH / AMONG / TOGETHER**)
4. The **former** Prime Minister has moved to a residence in the countryside. (**FORMER / PRIOR / PAST / LATE**)
5. Nobody **informed** me about any changes in the Secretary's itinerary. (**EXPLAINED / INFORMED / REPORTED / ADVISED**)
6. There's no turning back. This is the **point** of no return. (**SITE / MARK / POINT / TIME**)
7. Please, **draw** the curtains so that nobody can see us. (**DRAW / TURN / CLOSE / SHUT**)
8. The **total** number of infections has increased to over a thousand. (**WHOLE / COMPLETE / FULL / TOTAL**)
9. The red wine you have spilt **stained** the carpet. (**COLOURED / STAINED / POLLUTED / MARKED**)
10. Many animals **migrate** to other regions when the weather changes. (**JOURNEY / MIGRATE / ROAM / WANDER**)
11. Major newspapers have expressed their **concern** about the economic situation of the country. (**CONCERN / ALARM / ANXIETY / DISTRESS**)
12. The manager is always in **direct** contact with his players. (**DIRECT / STRAIGHT / INSTANT / IMMEDIATE**)
13. My oldest **living** relative is over 90. (**LIVE / ALIVE / LIFE / LIVING**)
14. Many multinational companies only move to developing countries in order to **exploit** them. (**MISUSE / DEVELOP / USE / EXPLOIT**)
15. Maths was one **subject** I was never good at. (**DEGREE / FIELD / TOPIC / SUBJECT**)
16. Thousands of refugees have crossed the **border** since fighting in the region started. (**BORDER / BOUNDARY / BANK / EDGE**)

COMPARISON, COMPARATIVES/SUPERLATIVES

KEY

Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the adjectives.

1. The Nile is one of **the longest** rivers in the world (**LONG**).
2. This is **the most interesting** book I have ever read. (**INTERESTING**)
3. A spider is sometimes **more frightening** than a large snake. (**FRIGHTENING**)
4. Mr Harper is **the most boring** teacher in the whole school. He is even **more boring** than my French teacher (**BORING**)
5. A bike path is usually **narrower** than the lane of a road. (**NARROW**)
6. People say women are **more polite / politer** than men. (**POLITE**)
7. A computer is much **more expensive** than a pocket calculator. (**EXPENSIVE**)
8. My sister is not as **tall** as her mother. (**TALL**)
9. Snowboarding is **more exciting** than skiing (**EXCITING**).
10. Children usually have **less** money to spend than teenagers. (**LITTLE**)
11. July and August are normally **the hottest** months of the year (**HOT**) .
12. Paul is **the slowest** runner in our class . Nobody is **slower** than he is. (**SLOW**)
13. In this test she has made **fewer** mistakes than in the last one. (**FEW**)
14. Sandra is **the cleverest / most clever** girl I know. (**CLEVER**)
15. The film I watched yesterday was **more interesting** than the one on Saturday (**INTERESTING**)
16. Peter is **the worst** player on our team. He never gets anything right. (**BAD**)
17. English is not as **difficult** as German but **more difficult** than other languages (**DIFFICULT**).
18. Bill works **harder** than ever. He wants to get a promotion. (**HARD**)
19. Mrs Simmons is **the most polite / the politest** teacher I have ever met. (**POLITE**)
20. This chair is not as **comfortable** as the one in the living room. (**COMFORTABLE**)