

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

dose
scrambling
assume
warned
freight
face
logistical
mission

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

border
theft
hubs
valuable
obstacles
handling
effective
extensive

Fill in the correct connectives and linking words from the list.

while

1. _____ we were driving through the Lake District, we saw many picturesque villages.
2. _____ 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 _____ English and Spanish.
4. I started learning Chinese _____ my stay in the Far East.
5. This is Jimmy's new bike, _____ he got from his parents. He locks it up every evening _____ nobody can steal it.
6. She gets up early _____ be in time for work.
7. The climate in South Africa is perfect. It's _____ too hot _____ too cold.
8. This cell phone tariff costs 8 cents per minute, _____ the other one offers a flat rate.
9. _____ my father likes country music, he rarely listens to it on the radio.
10. _____ to the six air bags, the car also has a built-in security system.
11. The company manufactures cars _____ motorcycles.
12. _____ we hadn't eaten for over twelve hours, we weren't very hungry.
13. My sister invited me to her party. _____, I was so busy I had to tell her I couldn't come.
14. I arrived late for the performance _____ a traffic jam on the motorway.
15. He spent most of his time playing with his friends. _____, he wasn't well-prepared for the exam.

although
as well as
both
despite
due to
during
even though
however
in addition
in order to
neither ... nor
so that
therefore
whereas
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while

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

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

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