

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

PRESENT TENSE: SIMPLE AND PROGRESSIVE

KEY

1. Dad **drives** us to school every morning. **(DRIVE)**
2. Max **is working** at an Internet café this summer. **(WORK)**
3. We **are not going** abroad this year because of the pandemic. **(NOT GO)**
4. It never **rains** in the Atacama Desert in Chile. **(RAIN)**
5. Marty **does not usually go** to the fitness centre on Mondays. **(NOT USUALLY GO)**
6. What is that? – I **am hearing** sounds that are not there. **(HEAR)**
7. We **are thinking** of leaving Britain next year. We might go to America. **(THINK)**
8. I **am seeing** my ex-husband next Monday. **(SEE)**
9. This box **weighs** a lot. What is in it? **(WEIGH)**
10. What **are you doing** under the table? – Is there anything wrong? **(YOU DO)**
11. She never **talks** to anyone about her problems. **(TALK)**
12. Mary **looks** very sad. What's happened to her? **(LOOK)**
13. They **are spending** a few days in Stockholm next month. **(SPEND)**
14. You can't go in. **They're having** a meeting. **(HAVE)**
15. I **think** I'll have a cup of coffee. I'm so tired. **(THINK)**
16. **Are you going** fishing with me on Sunday? – I don't know. I'll think about it. **(YOU GO)**
17. I **work** here as a waiter on weekends. **(WORK)**
18. Max **appears** to be a nice student. Let's see how he **does** in class. **(APPEAR, HE DO)**
19. I **don't understand** what this letter means. It **makes** no sense. **(NOT UNDERSTAND, MAKE)**
20. I **am taking** the dog for a walk because it 's so sunny outside. **(TAKE)**
21. **Do you ever dream** at night? **(YOU EVER DREAM)**
22. I **am counting** on you to help me organise the meeting. **(COUNT)**
23. My sister **is holding** a video conference in her company next week. **(HOLD)**
24. Why **don't you ever listen** to what he has to say. **(YOU NOT EVER LISTEN)**
25. I **don't eat** meat. I'm a vegetarian. **(NOT EAT)**

PAST TENSE: SIMPLE AND PROGRESSIVE

KEY

1. I **saw** my old friend in town the other day. He **seemed** to ignore me and **looked / was looking** somewhere else. (**SEE, SEEM, LOOK**)
2. The teacher **took** a photo of us while we **were climbing** up the tree. (**TAKE, CLIMB**)
3. We **met** Martha at the airport last week. She **was waiting** for the arrival of her sister while we **were traveling** to New York. (**MEET, WAIT, TRAVEL**)
4. "What **did you say** to him? – He **looked** totally surprised when I **saw** him." – (**YOU SAY, LOOK, SEE**)
5. He **was correcting** exam papers when I **visited** him. (**CORRECT, VISIT**)
6. A man **fell** on the road while I **was riding** my bike. Luckily, I **managed** not to crash into him. (**FALL, RIDE, MANAGE**)
7. We **were sailing** a few miles off the coast when a horrible thunderstorm **came** up. We had to get to safety as soon as possible. (**SAIL, COME, HAVE**)
8. I haven't seen him for ages. When I last **saw** him, he **was looking** for a new job. (**SEE, LOOK**)
9. While the two teams **were warming** up everyone **was waving** a flag. It **was** a very emotional moment. (**WARM, WAVE, BE**)
10. "What **were you doing** when I **came** to your place yesterday evening?" – "I **was feeding** the baby". (**YOU DO, COME, FEED**)
11. I **was walking** down a dark alley when suddenly I **heard** footsteps. I turned around and **saw** that an old woman with a dog **was following** me. (**WALK, HEAR, TURN, SEE, FOLLOW**)
12. "Why **didn't you go** out last night?" – "I **was** too tired and **decided** to stay at home." (**YOU NOT GO, BE, DECIDE**)
13. The policeman asked me, " How fast **were you driving** when you **saw** the old lady in front of you?" (**YOU DRIVE, SEE**)
14. Mom **was preparing** dinner when we **got** home from football practice. (**PREPARE, GET**)
15. When I **was** young, I always **wanted** to be a pilot. (**BE, WANT**)
16. Last Sunday afternoon I **went** for a walk in the park and **had** a cup of coffee at a local restaurant. (**GO, HAVE**)
17. When the **got** to the airport the plane **was just taking** off. (**GET, JUST TAKE**)
18. I **was sitting** on a bench in the park when a man **came** up to me and **wanted** to know what time it **was**. (**SIT, COME, WANT, BE**)

Name _____

Correlative Conjunctions 1

Practice

Write your answers on the lines and then print this page.

Paying attention to the expressions used in the following sentences, fill in the blanks with the words *or*, *nor*, *but also*, or *and*.

1. I have both respect **and** _____ admiration for them.
2. It will rain either today **or** _____ tomorrow.
3. He is neither mad **nor** _____ upset.
4. I do not know whether he has seen the movie before **or** _____ not.
5. We not only dressed up for the holiday **but also** _____ decorated the school.
6. The crowd was both large **and** _____ excited.
7. We should either walk quickly **or** _____ take the bus.
8. I don't know whether I want to study Spanish **or** _____ Russian.
9. Both my uncle **and** _____ my cousin live in New York.
10. Neither my brother **nor** _____ my sister can go to the game.

Name _____

Correlative Conjunctions 2

Practice

Print this page and then write your answers.

Read the sentences below. Then circle the correlative conjunctions that complete each sentence.

- _____ Alex _____ Carlos tried out for the school play.
 - Whether . . . or
 - Both . . . and
- _____ you clean your room _____ you will stay home this weekend.
 - Either . . . or
 - Neither . . . nor
- _____ we go home _____ stay at the park doesn't matter to me.
 - Whether . . . or
 - Not only . . . but also
- _____ _____ did she do well on her math test, _____ she _____ got an A on her social studies report.
 - Both . . . and
 - Not only . . . but also
- _____ I can go to the movies on Saturday, _____ I can go to the mall.
 - Not only . . . but also
 - Either . . . or

Name _____

6. I found _____ my homework _____ my textbook on the kitchen counter.
- a. both . . . and
 - b. either . . . or
7. Paula found _____ the shoes she had lost _____ her favorite jacket.
- a. neither . . . nor
 - b. not only . . . but also
8. I have _____ the time _____ the motivation to play basketball right now.
- a. neither . . . nor
 - b. either . . . or
9. _____ my stereo _____ my television stopped working last night.
- a. Both . . . and
 - b. Whether . . . or
10. I can't decide _____ to play soccer this year _____ to take dance lessons.
- a. neither . . . nor
 - b. whether . . . or

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**)

ARTICLES

KEY

1. Jake took out **a** bottle of beer from **the** fridge.
2. Emma looked at **the/ a** letter she received from **the/a** company she wanted to join.
3. She is on **a** diet, so she ordered **a** low-calorie meal.
4. We are planning on having **the** wedding in --- early fall, probably in --- September.
5. The plane was climbing up through **the** sky.
6. Winston Churchill was **a/the** Prime Minister who led England during --- World War II
7. Our father ruled our family with **an** iron fist.
8. --- Marmalade is usually made from --- oranges.
9. She is currently driving at **an** enormous speed.
10. The TV show portrays the lives of **the** Royal Family.
11. She gave us **an** umbrella because it started to rain.
12. Carol's father works as **an** electrician.
13. We left Rome and flew across **the** Alps to Munich.
14. Most --- children like --- sweets.
15. Have you got **an** idea about how we can solve **the** problem?
16. Our friends, the Millers, moved to **the** Netherlands last winter.
17. Our children go to --- school by --- bus.
18. She likes --- Indian tea but she doesn't like **the** tea that comes from Sri Lanka.
19. The two countries reached --- peace after **a** long, disastrous war.
20. We needed **a** place to live whenever we were in London.
21. Over 20 people were buried by **an** avalanche last weekend.
22. She had laughing eyes and **a** very charming expression on her face.
23. We need to be at **the** airport in just over **an** hour.
24. --- Milk is rich in --- nutrients.
25. Some people say --- money is **the** most important thing in --- life.