**USE OF ENGISH**

**Read the text below and complete it with the correct forms of the words given in capital letters.**

**WHY I HATE MY DOG**

Don’t misunderstand me! I am a very kind-hearted person, but I don’t like my dog and I’ll tell you why. If you like dogs, stop **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now because you’ll only get angry with me. Two years ago my wife **(2)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home a puppy. It was quite a nice little dog and we both got quite fond of it. The dog got bigger and that’s when the problems started. For example, one evening I couldn’t find my slippers, not surprisingly, because the dog **(3)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them that morning.

One day I decided to take the dog for a walk by the pond. Apart from some ducks and **(4)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we were alone. Suddenly, the dog decided **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bath and dived into the pond. The only problem was that it was the only dog in the world that couldn’t swim. I **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ any choice but to go in after the stupid dog and rescue it. That wasn’t easy either because the dog was quite fat after eating half our house. The **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing was that I got a terrible cold and had to have the week off work. The dog was fine.

**READ**

**BRING**

**EAT**

**GOOSE**

**TAKE**

**NOT HAVE**

**BAD**

**Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

**SPECIES LOSS ACCELERATING**

An international report has shown that human **(8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** are destroying three animals or plant species every hour. This equals 150 species a day, and between 18,000 and 55,000 species a year. The main **(9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of this report is that we must slow down the worst spate of extinctions since the **(10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

Scientists and **(11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** have identified various threats to **(12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and plants as diverse as whales, wild potatoes and peanuts. Global warming is adding to existing threats such as pollution and rising human populations. To deal with these challenges, we need to move rapidly, and with more determination at all levels – global, **(13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and local.

**ACT**

**FIND**

**APPEAR**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**CREATE**

**NATION**

**Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

**WOMEN AND GADGETS**

Michael Brook, of Stuff, UK gadget magazine that has a 95 per cent male readership, says that most women are attracted only to new bits of technology that look nice and **(14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** a purpose. ‘Traditionally, technology is a male environment,’ he says. ‘Women are less patient than men: they haven’t got the time or the inclination to read a 90-page manual and **(15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** out how to operate a camera or DVD player. They want instant gratification – simple, user-friendly, intuitive technology that they can take out of the box and use immediately. They **(16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** interest if it doesn’t work immediately, whereas men view learning how to use a new gadget as a challenge. It’s that whole tradition of taking something to pieces to see how it works.’

Tom Stewart, a psychologist agrees. ‘Women are often discouraged from learning about technology,’ he says. ‘They are conditioned by society to want to be seen as different from men. Building Mecano bridges and putting together model aeroplanes teaches boys to enjoy tinkering with things, but girls are encouraged to play with dolls **(17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** . This makes them more interested in relationships and how people behave, so they focus on the usefulness of a gadget, not on how it works.’

Some manufacturers are determined to turn women on to gadgets by combining style with function and making their technology more user-friendly. But Editorial Director Lucy Dobbs thinks that no **(18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** how user-friendly technology becomes, she won’t be able to shake off her laziness. ‘If I’m honest, most of the time I deliberately **(19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** helpless because I always know there will be someone who can help me, whether it’s my husband or a male colleague at work.’ ‘It’s easy for women to say they don’t understand and ask a man for help,’ says Tom Stewart. ‘As the saying **(20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, boys play with toys and girls play with boys.’

**14** **A** fill **B** meet **C** serve **D** satisfy

**15** **A** carry **B** work **C** clear **D** turn

**16** **A** lose **B** cut **C** drop **D** leave

**17** **A** otherwise **B** rather **C** else **D** instead

**18** **A** difference **B** matter **C** point **D** wonder

**19** **A** act **B** pretend **C** behave **D** play

**20** **A** runs **B** holds **C** goes **D** sets

**KEY**

**WHY I HATE MY DOG**

1. **reading,**
2. **had eaten,**
3. **brought,**
4. **geese,**
5. **to take,**
6. **didn’t have,**
7. **worst**

**SPECIES LOSS ACCELERATING**

1. **activities,**
2. **finding,**
3. **disappearance,**
4. **environmentalists,**
5. **creatures,**
6. **national**

**WOMEN AND GADGETS**

1. **C,**
2. **B,**
3. **A,**
4. **D,**
5. **B,**
6. **A,**
7. **C**