

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

One of the hazards that electronic media like the television, radio or computers (1) these days is the (2) in book reading.

The concern (3) mainly to the younger generations who are strongly (4) by the glamour of the silver screen and, consequently, don't (5) the importance of acquiring first-hand information from books.

To (6) reading for pleasure and to propagate a wide array of publications like encyclopaedias, (7) books, manuals or fiction, radical solutions should be applied. Firstly, more (8) ought to be put on the educational (9). Youngsters should be made to feel comfortable while reading either for information or self-satisfaction in public places like airports, buses or on the beach. Secondly, libraries must be subsidized more accurately in order to provide the potential reader with (10) choice of publications and to become more publically active so as to put books at people's (11) rather than keep them under lock and key. Fund collecting actions organized by libraries might also (12) the public awareness of the advantages of becoming (13) in a good book.

Finally, the mass media themselves might contribute substantially by recommending the purchase of valuable best-sellers and inspiring their viewers to (14) their knowledge and erudition, and thus help them to (15) the habit of spontaneous everyday reading.

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| 1. a) denote | b) play | c) arise | d) pose |
| 2. a) rarity | b) decline | c) shortage | d) deficiency |
| 3. a) indicates | b) affects | c) embodies | d) applies |
| 4. a) tempted | b) exposed | c) submitted | d) involved |
| 5. a) observe | b) recognize | c) view | d) distinguish |
| 6. a) incite | b) revert | c) instill | d) encourage |
| 7. a) referral | b) referable | c) referee | d) reference |
| 8. a) relevance | b) persistence | c) focus | d) emphasis |
| 9. a) factor | b) ground | c) matter | d) point |
| 10. a) prolific | b) ample | c) lavish | d) lush |

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| 11. a) availability | b) usage | c) benefit | d) disposal |
| 12. a) inflate | b) amplify | c) raise | d) expand |
| 13. a) occupied | b) inhaled | c) engrossed | d) incorporated |
| 14. a) enrich | b) magnify | c) arouse | d) elaborate |
| 15. a) grow | b) evolve | c) proceed | d) develop |

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1. I don't approve his idea, but there's little I can do to prevent him trying his luck in the casino.
2. We were forced to work the clock because our manager wanted this plan to be ready by the following day.
3. Andrew prefers staying at home in the evening spending it at the disco.
4. We felt very sorry Sylvia who hadn't been given any prize.
5. The robbers had escaped the bank before the police arrived.
6. 'Are you going to send this package mail?' 'No, I'm delivering it myself.'
7. 'Will you show us your new residence, please?' 'Ok, I will do it great pleasure.'
8. Tell the man that we can't repair his bicycle once as the spare parts will only be delivered on Tuesday.
9. The bill hasn't been accepted by the government. other words, our salaries won't be higher.
10. I wonder how they are going to cope such a complex matter having no experience in bookkeeping at all.
11. Mr Lumier's grandfather emigrated Paris to Ohio in 1920.
12. spite of the initial difficulties, the crew of the royal yacht have taken the lead in the regatta.
13. Do you know that your brother is in love my older sister?
14. 'The new secretary seems to be a very good typist, doesn't she?'
'Well, I think it's the contrary; she should learn to type faster.'
15. Who is responsible this awful mess on my desk?