

Choose the correct word for each blank.

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Those against the suggestion say that it would lead to sexual promiscuity and diseases might be (11) _____ more easily. Not all doctors agree with the idea either. The pill must be taken correctly if it should work. And it also has a number of side effects that doctors warn about. Some women put on weight or get nervous quickly.

Some health experts talk about other ways of (12) _____ pregnancies. In their opinion it would be better to teach young women about fertility and when they can get pregnant.

1	suggesting	discussing	fighting	talking
2	change	differ	transform	adjust
3	organization	planning	preparation	development
4	announced	welcomed	begun	introduced
5	surprising	unexpected	sudden	shocking
6	cover	insurance	institution	society
7	request	offer	demand	proposal
8	depend	hope	involve	require
9	a date	an appointment	a meeting	an engagement
10	problem	care	attention	aware
11	broadcasted	communicated	sent out	transmitted
12	evading	avoiding	encouraging	escaping

KEY

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