

Choose the best option for each blank.

While many people tend to think that Illiteracy is connected to developing countries it (1) _____ into a major problem in industrialised nations too. It is (2) _____ to many other problems, such as poverty, population growth and political corruption.

One (3) _____ reason for the spread of illiteracy in the western world is increased television and media (4) _____. Young people get all of their information from TV, social media and other digital publications. This method (5) _____ attaining information is more relaxing and less strenuous than reading.

Another reason for increasing illiteracy is the (6) _____ that women aren't at home anymore and a growing number are engaged in the work force. (7) _____, many children are left at home unsupervised, without (8) _____ to care for them. When parents come home after a hard day's (9) _____, they are often too exhausted to spend time with their children.

A lot of blame for not being able to read and write is placed on schools. Experts say that teachers are not putting enough focus on (10) _____ skills like reading and writing.

Illiteracy leads to several problems, including unemployment, alcohol and drug (11) _____. The economy of a country or regions suffers and, ultimately, the standard of living (12) _____.

There are no easy solutions to this problem. However, parents need to take their (13) _____ more seriously and schools need to think about changing teaching (14) _____ and aspects of the curriculum. If this (15) _____ happen, illiteracy will become even more of a problem than it is at the moment.



1	turning	has turned	was turning	was being turned
2	related	allied	shared	joined
3	sharp	strong	only	obvious
4	consumption	using	spending	waste
5	in	of	for	at
6	key	point	fact	result
7	As a result	Nevertheless	In spite of	However
8	anybody	somebody	nobody	everybody
9	employment	labouring	job	work
10	most	basic	minor	chief
11	misuse	use	abuse	usage
12	declines	has declined	declined	has been declined
13	reliabilities	possibilities	opportunities	responsibilities
14	methods	ways	paths	routes
15	can't	isn't	doesn't	won't

KEY

While many people tend to think that illiteracy is connected to developing countries it **(1) has turned** into a major problem in industrialised nations too. It is **(2) related** to many other problems, such as poverty, population growth and political corruption.

One **(3) obvious** reason for the spread of illiteracy in the western world is increased television and media **(4) consumption**. Young people get all of their information from TV, social media and other digital publications. This method **(5) of** attaining information is more relaxing and less strenuous than reading.

Another reason for increasing illiteracy is the **(6) fact** that women aren't at home anymore and a growing number are engaged in the work force. **(7) As a result**, many children are left at home unsupervised, without **(8) anyone** to care for them. When parents come home after a hard day's **(9) work**, they are often too exhausted to spend time with their children.

A lot of blame for not being able to read and write is placed on schools. Experts say that teachers are not putting enough focus on **(10) basic** skills like reading and writing.

Illiteracy leads to several problems, including unemployment, alcohol and drug **(11) abuse**. The economy of a country or regions suffers and, ultimately, the standard of living **(12) declines**.

There are no easy solutions to this problem. However, parents need to take their **(13) responsibilities** more seriously and schools need to think about changing teaching **(14) methods** and aspects of the curriculum. If this **(15) doesn't** happen, illiteracy will become even more of a problem than it is at the moment.