

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: NAME

Birdwatching

A hobby that is getting increasingly popular nowadays, birdwatching is the practice of, as its **0** _____ suggests, observing birds. It exists in many forms – **9** _____ simply looking at birds, to identifying them, trying to find rare ones, recognizing them by the **10** _____ they sing and so on. Many bird-watchers keep record **11** _____ the avian species they have seen throughout their birdwatching “careers”.

Some people **12** _____ this hobby more seriously than others. It is not rare for a seasoned bird-watcher to travel to a different city or even country to witness a particular bird in **13** _____, as seeing them in a picture is not considered to be a genuine experience. They are also keen to track down bird seasonal migration, observe their interactions with other species. There is also a division between having seen the bird and **14** _____ it sing. There is a generally held idea that the former is more important than the latter.

All of this might sound very complex and, **15** _____, off-putting. However, the activity can be as simple as trying to spot a bird. You can start in your **16** _____ backyard – there is no need to travel half across the globe to truly experience the joy of watching birds!

Answers and explanations

9. **From.** The range of possible activities here is introduced through 'from ... to ...' structure. Be careful not to give 'since' as your answer.
10. **Way/Manner.** Both nouns are acceptable here. Context is key to understanding what kind of word we are looking for here.
11. **Of.** If you keep a record of something, it means that you write down this information because you might need to use it later.
12. **Take.** When you take something seriously, you see it as something of great importance. The opposite is 'not to take something seriously (enough)'.
13. **Person.** Seeing something in person means seeing it with your own eyes, rather than from a screen or an image.
14. **Hearing.** Note that before we have 'having seen', so the next one has to be in the -ing form as well.
15. **Therefore/Consequently.** Here, we need a word with the meaning of 'as a result' or 'because of that'. Obviously, only one word can be used in Part 2 of FCE Use of English, so we are left with the two options, mentioned in the answer key.
16. **Own.** A contrast is introduced here between having to travel far away and simply observing the birds from your own backyard.