criticized by the United Nations for its large number of children living in this type of care. or children's care homes. The Czech Republic has been placed into 'institutional care,' also known as orphanages Children who don't have parents to look after them are

in children's care homes, so they Both of Tom's parents grew up for him when his parents found Little Tom's story his son

themselves in crisis.

called Tom if there had been have been different for a boy is an example of how life might this issue. The following story changes) to the law to deal with passed an amendment (= added

alternative (= other) options

of family life and how to bring months, trying to take care of on his own3 for another three left him, and his dad struggled was three months old, his mum but it was difficult. When Tom up² a child. They loved him a lot did not have much experience

any other alternatives. So from care home. He wasn't offered put his child into a children's for help and he was advised to He turned to a social worker

> the age of six months Tom one nurse for every nine children institution where there was only ended up in a kojenecký ústav

a half years and during this his child (= liked him a lot). period his father visited him regularly as he was very fond of One day a man and woman Tom lived there for two and

The Czech parliament has just

a trip - he was being transferred to get dressed in clothes they going on a trip. The man and (= employees) that he was later he was told by the staff he had a high fever. Sometime came to "look at" Tom when (= moved) to a foster family⁴! had brought. In fact, it wasn't woman returned and he had

Tom with foster parents

used to hit the pillows at night, because he was wet. Even a lack of (= not enough) early cycling, climbing trees, and all us," say his foster parents. as a three-year-old he did not he came to live with us, he personal care and love. "When the other things that children Tom is a regular kid. He enjoys didn't know how to cuddle6 with respond to his own name. He the problems he has because of his foster parents deal with like doing. However, every day

Living in a family

When you are a foster parent, you family for a child who for some provide a safe home within your

option ['op](a)n] - možnost to bring up - vychovat struggled on his own - usilovně se

VOCABULARY

to cuddle ['kad(a)l] - obejmout, pritulit

" day to day - každodenní

GLOSSARY.

se, mazlit se

rodina, pestouni

['sauʃ(a)| pra'tekʃ(a)n ækt] – zákon o sociálně-právní ochraně dětí **Child Social Protection Act** to ban [bæn] - zakázat right - právo foster care benefits - výživné

was wet - byl mokrý, počůral se

foster family ['fosta] – pěstounská

snažil, pokoušel se sám

your own child. the parental rights⁸ and you are you adopt a child, you have all egally responsible as if it was On the other hand, when

A bit of history

and children were put into when foster care was banned⁹ This changed in the 1950s, more common to foster children. Before communism, it was much

5,000 children today in children's care homes. There are still over

setting (= environment). one on one* care in a family young children especially need that criticised this was Zdeněk big "collective" institutions. Matějček in the 1960s. Very One of the first psychologists

were created. in care as when the institutions the same number of children children's care homes. That's 5,000 children today in is legal, there are still over

Changing the law to help kids

into an institution. environment should be offered. it is not possible, a foster family social workers should help.) If that children have to stay in change the current law to ensure Social Protection Act10 will available, then a child can be put And only if none of these are their families. (If a crisis occurs, The amendment to the Child

child under three years old stays It will also make sure that any

care benefits7 for this. Foster parents are given foster sometimes until adulthood a few days and several years a loster home anywhere between family. Children might live in they are adopted into another a relative can take them, or until for the child to go back home or You do it until it's either safe parents (= biological parents). reason cannot live with their birth

00000000000

Even though now fostering

A different scenario or lom

years. Hopefully these changes in the Czech law regarding a family environment in his early may have also been foster care in a care home. Another option would not have ended up in there is a strong chance Tom practical advice and support, father in his home and given him I someone had visited Tom's

0000000000

Respect for biological parents

didn't say your dad. He naturally is stronger than our dad!" Tom The kids were all playing aspects of fostering, unlike thinks that he has two fathers together and Tom said: "My dad Tom talking to their kids. Tom's loster parents recall with biological parents. adoption, is the relationship One of the more demanding noment when they overheard = remember) quite a funny

a regular (= normal) job. Foster a children's care home. with a foster family and not in Fostering will be regarded as

parents will be paid and so it

might have. to deal with problems that kids way they will not be left alone Karel Svejda agrees that in this organizations to get advice from (= government checked) have to work with accredited psychologists, etc. Foster parent for it as a profession. They will s expected that they prepare

up children in. unnatural environment to bring and siblings (= brothers and day11 contact between parents in his care home, it can never that despite the excellent worl a change in the law. He says Vary children's home, Petr sisters). He also says it is an that children need: day to replace the emotional support Zmuda, actually welcomes The director of the Karlovy

up children. It also tries to find possible foster

families with bringing foster families and adoptive An organization that helps AMALTHEA

www.amalthea.pardubice.cz them by donating money 107-362280257/0100. parents. You can support

DISCUSS

cannot? children in institutions experience at home which situations that children What are day-to-day

SAMPLE ANSWERS

grandfathers, etc.) an extended family (aunts, part of a team helping out with extra chores. They also learn how to share life with the lawn and generally be to wash windows, mow the family. They may have and how to follow rules in them, how to share things to have family arguments can experience what it's like In a family setting, children and then how to solve

the future. Hana Pomahačová (CR) life for children like Tom in childcare will provide a better

Jo Molloy (UK)

LANGUAGE POINT.

a special word for kojenecký ústav care home, children's home – in the UK babies don't go to children's homes, they are fostered. There are usually only older

one on one - a situation or relationship which involves only two people; the child gets much more direct attention in this

BRIDGE | December | 2012

G Use of English 2

| I didn't find his jokes at all amusing | ewrite these sentences using the word in bol |
|--|--|
|--|--|

I was by He regrets resigning, because he can't find a job Could I borrow your bike this afternoon? wishes because he can't find a job. his jokes.

I hate the way you treat my mother. Could my mother like that. this afternoon?

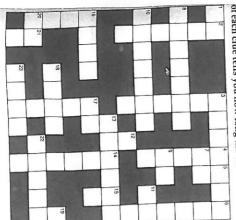
terrified. I wasn't frightened by the film, but my sister was find

It's such a pity I lost her phone number. I didn't but my sister was

her phone number

Find the missing adjectives or prepositions and write them in the squares. Look for words like *responsible* for and *proud of.* The number in brackets at the end of each clue tells you how long the word is.

H Vocabulary 2



ACROSS

- I'm not surprised that he forgot your birthday. It's The gunman should not be approached. He is absolutely typical
- You behaved very badly at the party. Even I was highly dangerous and is anything - including shooting. (7) of doing almost
- 90 Jan passed all her exams with good grades, so she was very with her results. (7) some of the things you said. (2)
- 9 I think I'm going to try and get a new job. I'm fed Jane's terribly_ with the way my boss shouts at me. (2) _ about what has happened to
- 11 10 I've always needed a calculator, because I'm not her cat. It hasn't been home for three days. (7) _ maths. (2)
- 13 She suffers from claustrophobia - that means exactly brilliant she's of enclosed spaces. (6)
- 16 I was always terrible _ You really needn't have bought me a present, but such had eyesight. (2) it's very of you all the same. (4) ___ tennis because I've got
- 18 20 I find languages very difficult to learn, but I'm quite_ The opposite of yes. (2) at science. (4) for George. He has had such an
- 23 My teacher was very pleased got all the answers right. (4) unhappy life. (5) I teel very me because I

DOWN

- You'll have to type this letter again, I'm afraid. It's spelling mistakes. (4,2)
- Ç 4 How did you manage to do such a difficult sum so quickly? It was very _____ of you. [6] Why was he shouting at you? What was he so of you. (6)
- S She's crying because she's upset_ angry the things you said. (2) ? (5) about their holiday _some of
- 6 The children are really in Disneyland next week. (7) her nephew. (2)
- 12 13 14 She's very quick _ You shouldn't have started eating before they sat running. (2) you. (4,2)

She's very fond

- 16 15 She's very I've never been interested _ down. It was very on gardening. In fact, she spends politics. (2)
- 17 The contract is fine, on the whole, but there are one or two things I'm not happy most of her free time doing it. (4)
- 19 been no one I've been very impressed ______ I like tennis a lot, but I'm not all that keen _ I've interviewed a few people but so far there's
- 21