

Read the text about **Native Americans today** . Decide which of the four words best fits each space. Write the correct word into the space provided.

Native Americans

About 2.5 million Native Americans live in the US today. The biggest **(1)** _____ are the Cherokee, Chippewa, Navajo, and Sioux . About a third of the Indians in the US live **(2)** _____ reservations, while the rest have already moved on to cities or larger towns. Indian **(3)** _____ is still preserved in these places. Here, Indians practice their old **(4)** _____ . However, they are worried that these will disappear because more and more Indians are being integrated into **(5)** _____ .

Today, Native Americans are better **(6)** _____ than they were at the beginning of the 20th century. They get better education ; many **(7)** _____ high school or go to college. Today, Native Americans work as lawyers, doctors or have other important **(8)** _____ , like working for government companies.

Some Indians get their money from tourism or **(9)** _____ handicrafts. In 1988 the government allowed casinos and other gambling **(10)** _____ on reservations. Other tribes **(11)** _____ money from taxes on oil or gas that **(12)** _____ on their land.

(13) _____ life has improved , Native Americans still **(14)** _____ many problems in today's America. Unemployment on reservations is about 50% . The income of an Indian family is much lower than that of a white family. Most Indians are **(15)** _____ paid and are unskilled workers. Suicide rates are also higher than in other places. Some Indians try to **(16)** _____ their problems by drinking alcohol and taking drugs.

1	families	tribes	peoples	populations
2	off	at	in	on
3	values	culture	civilization	society
4	ways	traditions	beliefs	patterns
5	society	culture	public	nation
6	off	of	down	out
7	join	go	attend	visit
8	services	business	work	jobs
9	selling	sell	to sell	sales
10	topics	jobs	operations	actions
11	win	pay	afford	earn
12	produces	is produced	was produced	can produce
13	However	Despite	When	Even though
14	face	manage	solve	look
15	worst	badly	bad	worse
16	drop	decline	reduce	cut

KEY

1. tribes
2. on
3. culture
4. traditions
5. society
6. off
7. attend
8. jobs
9. selling
10. operations
11. earn
12. is produced
13. even though
14. face
15. badly
16. reduce