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**ACADEMIC WRITING**

It was only when I enrolled at a performing arts college at 18 that I started to accept myself. At first I told my two best friends – to test the water, really, to see if I could withstand rejection. At first 1…. were OK and then three days later 2…. said it was wrong and I shouldn’t be doing that. I haven’t heard from 3…. since. I passed 4…. in the street the other day and 5…. walked past me like I didn’t exist.

I told my mum by text. I said: “I’ve kept 6…. in for so long; I wanted to tell 7…. for years but I couldn’t.” 8…. texted back straight away: “You can change.” When my dad found out, 9…. thought I could be cured. I had to leave. I moved in with my boyfriend for a while before going back. It was really tough for a while – I had depression, anxiety, it was much harder than for my boyfriend, who comes from an English, non-religious family. But I don’t regret 10…. Everything that’s happened has made me so much stronger.

Answers: 1: they 2: they 3: them 4: them 5: they 6: it 7: you 8: she 9: he 10: it