

Reading and Use of English Part 2: Open cloze

Exercise 1

Complete each gap with a suitable word.

- 1 We enjoyed the holiday, but sometimes it was _____ windy by the seaside.
- 2 Our room overlooked the motorway, so it was very noisy. It was _____ a good hotel.
- 3 I thanked her very much for the jumper. It was _____ the right size.
- 4 I couldn't do the maths homework – it was much _____ difficult.
- 5 Jack hurt his arm and split his lip when he fell, _____ he also broke a tooth.
- 6 I find cycling to work _____ takes no longer than going by bus.
- 7 _____ all of our students live in the local area, only a few of them.
- 8 _____ days you can get to the capital in less than an hour. Not always, of course.

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Exercise 2

Complete each gap with the correct word. Write only one word.

- 1 We enjoyed the holiday, but sometimes it was _____ windy by the seaside **that we could hardly walk.**
- 2 Our room overlooked the motorway, so it was very noisy. It was _____ a good hotel, **though, that we've decided to stay there again next year.**
- 3 I thanked her very much for the jumper. It was _____ the right size, **however, so I asked her if she could change it for me.**
- 4 I couldn't do the maths homework – it was much _____ difficult **than anything we've seen in class.**
- 5 **Not only did** Jack hurt his arm and split his lip when he fell, _____ he also broke a tooth.
- 6 I find cycling to work, _____ takes no longer than going by bus, **is a good way to exercise and keep fit.**
- 7 _____ all of our students live in the local area, only a few of them **walk to school. I find that quite disappointing.**
- 8 **In those early days before train travel, the journey to London used to take all day.** _____ days you can get to the capital in less than an hour. Not always, of course; **the service is not as reliable as it could be and there are often strikes.**

Open cloze exercise on previous page**Exercise 1: typical student answers**

1 very/quite 2 not 3 just/exactly 4 too 5 and 6 often/usually/probably
7 Note 8 Some/Many/Most

Exercise 2: correct answers

Key: 1 so 2 such 3 not 4 more 5 but 6 which 7 Although 8 These

Listening Part 1**What do the speakers agree about?**

You hear two people talking about the twice-weekly fitness class they both attend.

What do they agree about it?

- A There is not much variety.
- B There are too many students.
- C There is not enough equipment.

In the following extracts, the sections **in bold** would be distractors for each option (A – C) in the question above. Say why each answer would not be correct.

A There is not much variety.

Man: *Last year was so boring. There was **hardly any variety in the classes.***

Woman: ***Yeah.** This new teacher's a real improvement – every lesson is different.*

B There are too many students.

Man: *I can never hear her instructions. **There are always too many people talking.***

Woman: ***I know. It's annoying.** And it's always the same four or five students.*

C There is not enough equipment.

Man: ***They should get some more equipment.** That'd make the classes more fun.*

Woman: *I'm not sure **I agree with you.** I think the teacher's the problem.*

Noticing and recording vocabulary using previously seen texts / scripts

Students can check their own answers.

Listening Part 4 Multiple choice options

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I have my critics but the evidence from research I've done (1) **supports / holds / backs / proves** up my argument. If you look at anyone who's (2) **arrived / reached / risen / climbed** a high level in any complex task, you'll find they've spent many years (3) **building / growing / getting / reaching** up to it. This has started other people thinking and doing their own research. I've no doubt they'll (4) **arrive / reach / come / pull** the same conclusions I have.

Listening Part 1 Gapping only one word class (here; verbs)

Well, yeah, it's OK. The writers have done a good job with the storyline. It (1) _____ you in, makes you want to keep watching – like a book you can't (2) _____ down. It's a shame about the actual script, though – I mean, the actors (3) _____ their best with their lines, but it all sounds a bit unnatural. And the music's nice, too, but I really don't understand why they've used recent songs in a series (4) _____ in the nineteen twenties.

Listening Part 2 Open cloze style

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I worked for a company which tries to help tourists understand (1) _____ life used to be like before Europeans arrived – a time before clothes, cars and electricity. Many of the local people, the Aborigines, work for the company. Studying tourism (2) _____ university wasn't essential to get the job – (3) _____ fact, my subject's history. What I (4) _____ do was a short training course when I first arrived, though, to learn about the local plants and animals.

(5) _____ first, I was given a room in a hotel in town but I found that I felt quite lonely so I moved into a caravan (6) _____ the outskirts. Lots of other staff lived on the site and I (7) _____ to meet lots of the local people there too. Everyone was really friendly and, (8) _____ there wasn't a cinema or restaurant nearby, people frequently had a party on Saturday night and I was always invited.

Alternative to similar material in *Straight to First* and *Ready for First*.

Part 2 Open cloze

Here are some examples of the types of words which are tested in Part 2.
Complete each gap with **one** word.

1 Prepositions and phrasal verbs

My sister's too young to be at home _____ her own, so I've got to stay in and look _____ her tonight while my parents are out.

2 Conjunctions and negatives

We bought a new computer _____ our old one was too slow and _____ at all reliable.

3 Relative pronouns and auxiliary verbs

A man _____ was seen driving away from the scene of the crime _____ been arrested and is helping police with their inquiries.

4 Articles and determiners

Anna felt like celebrating: it was _____ first time all year her science teacher hadn't given _____ homework to the class.

5 Set phrases and pronouns

I would like to wish Harry _____ the best in his new job and present _____ with this gift as a token of our appreciation.

6 Verbs

I'd heard a lot about the novel 'Rebecca' so I decided to _____ it a try. It was written in 1938 by Daphne du Maurier, also _____ as Lady Browning.

Key

1 on, after 2 because/as/since, not 3 that/who, has 4 the, any 5 all, him
6 give, known