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Grammar Exercise – Open Cloze Set 3

Exercise 1

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Once upon a time, (1) a faraway country, there lived a boy called Jack. Unfortunately, Jack (2) very poor. He and his mother couldn't afford food, so they were (3) all the time. One day, Jack went to the market and sold their cow for a (4) magic beans. As you can imagine, his mother was furious (5) it. "Magic beans?" she screamed at the top of her voice, "(6) a fool, Jack!" However, Jack planted (7) beans in the garden that evening, and (8) he woke up the next day there was a huge beanstalk outside the house. Jack's mother couldn't believe it. (9) face expressed shock and disbelief. "I'm going to climb it..." said Jack excitedly. "Make sure you go slowly (10) you will fall," replied his mother as she watched her son venture up into the unknown.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Exercise 2

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Humans have always been interested (1) flying. We watch birds up in the (2) and think, "I wish I was up there!" Although humans didn't develop powered flying machines until 1903 (3) the Wright brothers made their famous flight, stories about human flight go back to Ancient Greece. Legend says that Icarus, the son (4) Daedalus, was trapped on an island and wanted to (5) away using a pair of wings that (6) father had made from feathers and wax. "I (7) so excited!" said Icarus, but his father warned him, "Don't fly too close to the sun or the wax will melt and you will (8) down into the sea." However, Icarus didn't (9) to his father's words. He flew further and further, higher and higher. "This is the (10) moment of my life, I feel amazing!" he yelled. Then the wax melted and Icarus went down. Daedalus was overcome with grief. "He was by my side only an hour ago and now he is (11)..."	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

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Exercise 3

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Sugar is (1) of the most dangerous substances (2) the planet. At first this might sound like (3) unusual thing to say – after all, you might think of plutonium or illegal drugs (4) as heroin. However, millions of (5) around the world are addicted to sugar. It is found in soft drinks, added to (6) drinks like coffee and tea, and included in foods (7) bread to breakfast cereals. What's more, it has a delicious (8). Nevertheless, the many (9) risks of sugar, such as heart disease and mood swings, outweigh this deliciousness. We must (10) people eating too much sugar in whatever ways we can before it becomes a global crisis.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Exercise 4

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Lee:	Oh dear, I don't (1) what to do when I leave school.	1.
Chris:	But there are so (2) great jobs out there. (3) do you enjoy doing?	2.
Lee:	Uh...I like (4) movies.	3.
Chris:	Me too, but you can't do that as a job! What (5) sports?	4.
Lee:	I'm not good at any sports.	
Chris:	Do you (6) any musical instruments?	5.
Lee:	I gave up the violin because I (7) enjoyed playing it.	6.
Chris:	Which subjects do you enjoy at school?	
Lee:	I enjoy maths (8) than English I suppose...	7.
Chris:	OK, maths! You could be an accountant, or a computer programmer.	8.
Lee:	Computer programmer...yes, (9) become a computer programmer!	9.
Chris:	Fantastic. Now that you've decided, (10) we go and get some food?	10.

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Exercise 5

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

J. K. Rowling is one of the best-selling (1) of all time. This is largely because of the success of the Harry Potter series of (2), which were released (3) 1997 and 2007. In spite of her current success, Rowling was not born into a wealthy (4). After studying French and Classics at the University of Exeter, she (5) as a secretary for Amnesty International, during which time she started to write (6) first part of the Harry Potter series. Rowling struggled to raise her (7) Jessica with little money, and twelve publishers rejected *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. However, eventually the publisher Bloomsbury accepted her, and the rest is history. *The Philosopher's Stone* sold (8) than 100 million copies. Rowling (9) not expect Harry Potter to be such a success, but now people (10) the world love her work.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Exercise 6

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Ever since he was a little (1), Jack had wanted to join the circus. He loved (2) gape at the acrobats, marvel at the magicians and wonder at the animals. However, Jack wanted to be (3) clown more than anything. He loved to make people (4) with his jokes and stunts, and (5) favourite clown was Bozo from the Royal Touring Circus. Unfortunately, Jack's (6) did not want him to become a clown – they wanted him to become a doctor. "Mum and dad (7) understand me!" he wrote in his diary. "I'm going to (8) away and join the circus anyway." He didn't get very far – after walking for a mile, it started raining. "Oh, I want to go back (9)..." So he turned back. "I'll be a clown one day," he thought, "but I'm not ready to leave (10) family."	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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Exercise 7

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I (1) writing to complain about the service I received when I visited your restaurant with my family (2) week. Firstly, even though we had a reservation for 7pm, we didn't sit (3) until 8pm. Then, we had to wait for fifteen (4) before we were given any menus. However, most (5) the items on the menu were not available – (6) kitchen had run out of chicken, beef, potatoes and soup! What's more, my wife is a vegetarian, but there were no vegetarian dishes on the menu and so (7) could only have a bowl of plain rice. This is (8) acceptable. We (9) so appalled that we left before ordering. On top of all that, the restaurant was also filthy. I am also writing to the Consumer Standards Office to tell them about this incident, and I very much hope that you (10) improve your restaurant.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Jackson

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Exercise 8

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

(1) I was a child, I lived in (2) different countries because my father was an officer in (3) army – I can't even remember how many times we moved! Singapore was probably my (4) place to live, I loved it so much. The (5) shone in the sky almost every day (though there was a lot (6) rain as well). I also loved living in Germany. I remember hanging out (7) my friends in the Bavarian Alps and wishing that it would never end. There were times when I would have loved (8) have a stable home and not have to move, but I'm also glad that I saw such a (9) range of places. It was (10) amazing experience.

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Exercise 9

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

The (1) famous battle in British history is probably the Battle of Hastings. The battle took place (2) 14th October 1066 in the town of Hastings on the south coast of England, and was between two armies: the English army of Harold Godwinson, and the French army of William, Duke (3) Normandy. Both men believed that God wanted them (4) be the King of England after the (5) of the previous king, Edward, after a series of strokes in January 1066. William's army was (6) than Harold's, with 10,000 soldiers as opposed to 7,000. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the Norman army (7) the battle and William became the King of England. Nowadays, he (8) known as "William the Conqueror" because he conquered England. Harold Godwinson was killed (9) an enemy soldier. A church was built by William on the site of the battle, and today the church and battlefield are (10) by thousands of tourists every year.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Exercise 10

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Almost (1) has heard of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, but historians cannot agree on whether he was (2) or just a made-up character. The legend is that Arthur ruled Britain (3) the 6th century and defended it against attacks from the Saxons. However, the first stories about Arthur were (4) down in the 12th century. In the following centuries, many different versions (5) the story appeared, introducing characters (6) as Lancelot, Guinevere and Merlin the wizard. Even though Arthur probably (7) exist, the stories about him are still popular with children and (8) alike. People love (9) read about the daring adventures of the king all (10) the world.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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