

FCE Use of English

Part One: Multiple Choice Cloze

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Example: (0) A in B at C of D to

No More Classes

The use (0) ... computers has meant students can study language programmes (1) ... their own speed when and for how long they want - and no need to worry about the teacher having a favourite or doing (2) ... another boring lesson. What's more, in the virtual classrooms of the future the student will (3) ... on their headset, and be transported into an imaginary school, choose their class, take the books they need off the shelf and (4) ... conversations with other computerised students.

They might (5) ... choose to pay a visit to the supermarket or the train station, the bank or the restaurant. At the (6) ... of a button they would be transported to (7) ... realistic settings where they could practice their English, maybe getting a hand (8) ... a virtual English companion. All this perhaps, at the computer, from the comfort of their home: no (9) ... to catch the bus to college, or a plane to England.

Exciting? Certainly, and an interesting alternative to traditional classroom lessons. But would it ever (10) ... the classroom? Hopefully not. (11) ... the need to relate to real people talking about real issues and generally learning a little more about others will always lead language learners to (12) ... at least a little of their time with real people.

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| 9 A role | B duty | C obligation | D need |
| 10 A replace | B restore | C succeed | D recover |
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Kitchen Hygiene

The next time you go to the supermarket don't forget to buy the (0) ... bottle of kitchen cleaner you can to (1) ... your work surfaces.

BIG

INFECT

Recent (2) ... research in America has shown that the kitchen is often the most (3) ... of all the rooms in the home.

SCIENCE

HYGIENE

The (4) ... of food, heat and dampness means the kitchen is (5) ... a breeding ground for bacteria that can cause stomach upsets and vomiting.

COMBINE

POTENTIAL

The study at the University of Arizona examined 15 homes over 30 weeks. Levels of (6) ... were certainly not below average yet cutting boards and dishcloths were found to contain bacteria in far greater number than elsewhere in the home.

CLEAN

(7) ... say ignorance is the cause of the problem and point out that (8) ... cleaning can lead to serious food poisoning.

RESEARCH

ADEQUATE

The (9) ... ? Make sure you clean all work surfaces (10) ... and keep an eye on that dishcloth!

SOLVE

DAY

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However, the advertisements of these companies are not necessarily (4) ... best guide and if you don't know what to look for in a good course you could be left with little (5) ... than a large bill.

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INTERESTED

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2. "Have you been on holiday recently, Jane?" asked Tony.

BEEN

Tony asked Jane on holiday recently.

3. I was too tired to go to the party.

THAT

I was I couldn't go to the party.

4. There's no point asking Lynda to help as she's really busy.

WASTE

It's asking Lynda to help as she's really busy.

5. The union claims its members will only return to work if the company agrees to a meeting.

NOT

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6. I'm sure it was Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat.

MUST

It Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat.

7. We demanded to see the hotel manager to make our complaint.

SEEING

We the hotel manager to make our complaint.

8. The boss wouldn't object to you going early today.

OBJECTION

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due

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getting

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3. I don't care what you do.

concerned

As you can do what you like.

4. The meal we had in the restaurant was so nice.

such

It meal in the restaurant.

5. He was ordered to leave the field for arguing with the referee.

sent

The referee for arguing.

6. Do you and your brother have the same looks?

like

Does you?

7. That's the garage where I left my car last week.

repaired

That's where I went last week.

8. You can't bring food into this room.

supposed

You food into this room.