

TASK 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (17—22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Prisoner Mails Himself out of Jail

A convicted criminal has escaped from prison in Germany by mailing himself out in a cardboard box.

A prisoner, called Oliver Crystal, who had been serving a seven-year sentence for arson, had been employed by the prison in making stationery together with other prisoners. The stationery, (17) _____, was packed in large cardboard boxes and despatched to shops by a courier, (18) _____.

At the end of the working day, the prisoner climbed into one of the boxes. When the courier arrived to collect the goods, the box, (19) _____ containing the inmate was loaded onto the truck along with the rest of the batch (20) _____.

As soon as the vehicle was outside the prison gates and out of sight, the convict got out of the box and jumped off. It is believed that he was immediately picked up in a car by his accomplices, (21) _____. The driver alerted the police, after he noticed the cover on the back of the truck had been cut.

Other inmates are suspected to have known of the planned escape, but they are unlikely to testify, as helping a prisoner to escape is a criminal offence in Germany, (22) _____. The police are on the hunt for the man, but are at present unaware of his whereabouts.

- A where events like this one are uncommon
- B which gets delivered nationwide
- C that were due for delivery that day
- D where they had been waiting
- E which had also been in prison
- F which the driver later said was heavier than usual
- G who was a regular visitor to the prisoner
- H who had been waiting at a pre-arranged meeting point

Exam Tip

Виконуючи завдання на заповнення пропусків у тексті, дотримуйтеся такого алгоритму:

1. Швидко прочитайте текст, щоб зрозуміти його основну ідею.
2. Прочитайте текст ще раз, намагаючись зрозуміти, що саме може міститись у пропуску (частина мови, дата, час, у якому вжито дієслово тощо).
3. Оберіть один із чотирьох запропонованих варіантів (ви можете навіть вписати цей варіант у пропуск).
4. Перевірте, чи обраний варіант граматично відповідає пропуску в тексті.
5. Перечитайте текст ще раз, уже із заповненими пропусками.
6. Переконайтесь, що два зайві варіанти справді не підходять для заповнення жодного з пропусків.