

PAPER 1 Reading and Use of English

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For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 I N S T E A D

What astronauts eat

Eating and drinking in space is a tricky business. Let go of a piece of bread and (0) of falling to the floor, it floats around. Drinks don't stay put in conventional cups, but hang about (9) the air.

It's taken decades (10) scientists to develop tasty food that astronauts can easily consume in space. Much of this is freeze-dried; a process by (11) the food is cooked, frozen, and then it (12) all its water sucked out. Freeze-dried food lasts for a long time and doesn't need to be refrigerated, making (13) ideal for space travel. When astronauts get hungry, they simply rehydrate the food with water from a special dispenser and wait for 20 to 30 minutes until it's ready. The food containers can then be attached to trays with fasteners to secure (14) Salt and pepper (15) added to foods as liquids, too, as powders can have (16) negative impact on spacecraft equipment.

Essential tips

- ▶ Read the title of the text first. This will give you an idea of what the text is about.
- ▶ Then read the whole text to gain a general understanding of the topic before you read it again more carefully.
- ▶ Look at each gap and read the sentence it is in. Quite often the first word you think of will be correct, because you have seen it used in a similar context. However, remember to read carefully in order to make sure it's right.
- ▶ If you think a verb is needed, think about the tense of the sentence before you decide which form of the verb you need. If you need a noun or pronoun, think about whether it should be singular or plural.
- ▶ Don't worry if you aren't sure about an answer at first. Read the whole text through again at the end and check that it makes sense.

Question 2: Which tense does this sentence begin with? Does *decades* refer to a period of time or a point in time?

Question 5: What is being referred to in this sentence? You can only write one word in the gap, so *freeze-dried food* won't fit. Which word can you use instead to refer to an object?

Question 8: This word comes before a noun. We usually use an article before a noun. Do we need the definite (*the*) or indefinite (*a/an*) article here?