

10 Write a word in each gap to complete the text.

The rise of online gaming



Our relationship
(1) _____ technology is changing very rapidly. As the number of people with PCs, laptops, smartphones and other kinds of device that can access the internet increases, so does the number of people (2) _____ use it for entertainment purposes. (3) _____ seems that around 40% of UK households have at least one person involved (4) _____ online gaming and Britons spend around 73 million hours a

year playing online games. This means that gaming is now the most popular online entertainment activity after social networking and accounted (5) _____ a staggering 190 million hours of online activity in (6) _____ past year. Gaming is also more popular (7) _____ watching videos online.

While there are many reasons for the popularity of online gaming, (8) _____ is absolutely no doubt that cheap access to the internet and the falling prices of gaming equipment are important factors. However, the main factor is our changing lifestyles. Another new development is (9) _____ online gaming is now increasingly popular with women, so the gap (10) _____ the numbers of male and female online gamers is closing rapidly.

11 Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Digital Groove

Although the (1) _____ of music hasn't dimmed in any way in recent years, the methods of musical (2) _____ have changed a great deal. No longer are there record shops full of (3) _____ music lovers spending hours browsing through their (4) _____ section looking for a rare recording. These days, music can be downloaded from the internet and played on digital devices. Some of the recent trends in digital music, such as file-sharing, were (5) _____ seen as unwelcome by the music industry, which attempted to stop illegal music-sharing (6) _____ due to the effect they were having on profits. But things are beginning to change now as the world of music makes (7) _____ and necessary (8) _____ to the digital age. It seems that music company executives have started to realise that the internet is the (9) _____ to their problems as much as the cause of them and that the (10) _____ of record shops doesn't mean the end of music sales.

POPULAR

APPRECIATE

DEDICATE
FAVOUR

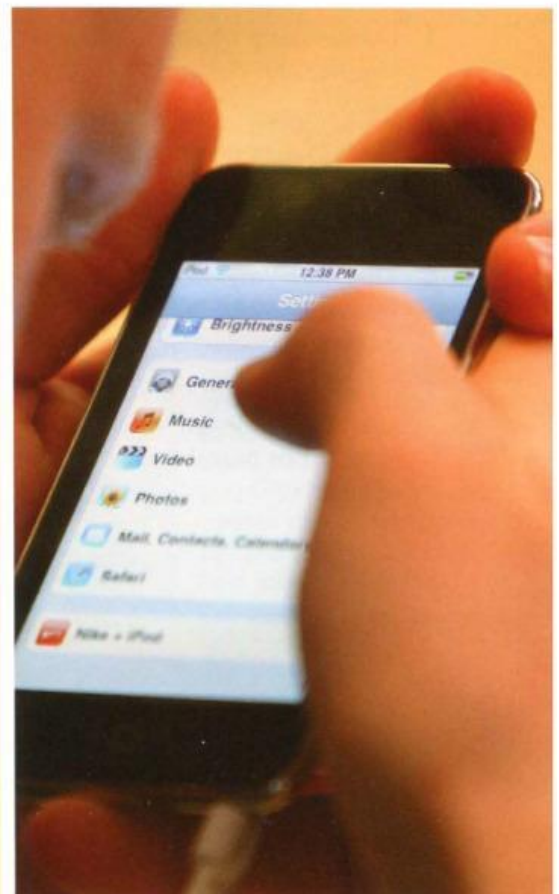
INITIAL

ACTIVE

SIGNIFY
ADJUST

SOLVE

LOSE



Exam practice:

First Paper 1 Part 3

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A C T I V I T I E S

VIRTUAL fun

Entertainment these days doesn't just mean (0) _____ such as going out to meet friends at the cinema or watching a DVD at home, as (1) _____ numbers of people have access to online entertainment. Both the rise of social media sites and the (2) _____ of so many virtual communities show how many people use the internet for a wide (3) _____ of entertainment purposes. As well as the ability to meet people in chat forums, listen to music, watch videos and play games, the quick and easy (4) _____ of personal blogs is developing online interaction at a fantastic rate.

Although online entertainment is still (5) _____ new, it is very popular. Some of the most (6) _____ gaming and social networking sites have millions of registered users. All of this came as quite a shock to the (7) _____ entertainment industry at first. Only a couple of decades ago, the concept of downloading music and films was virtually (8) _____ and unimaginable to them, but the business very quickly adapted to these new means of providing entertainment.

ACTIVE

INCREASE

CREATE

VARY

PRODUCE

RELATE

SUCCESS

TRADITION

KNOW

Skills tip

Quickly read the text through to get a general idea of what it's about. Then identify the part of speech that each gap needs. You need to be able to identify not only which words are nouns, adjectives, verbs or adverbs, etc, but also whether the word needs to be in a negative or plural form. A good understanding of parts of speech is vital for this part of the exam and will also help you in other parts.