

FCE—EF3

This lesson is less of an English lesson and more of a look at the exam—specifically tips for the “open cloze” part of the Reading and Use of English paper. In this part, you are asked to complete a text containing eight gaps. You are not given options to choose from; answers come from your memory and knowledge of English. You must write only one word in each gap. The missing word is usually a grammar word, but occasionally, vocabulary is tested. You must write your answers in CAPITAL letters. (There is always an example at the beginning.)

Here are the topics that are tested in Paper 1 Part 2. Try to fill in the blank with correct word.

Quantifiers - *many, every, each, etc.*

There were only a people at the zoo yesterday.

Collocations - *set an example, change the subject, be in favour of, etc.*

I expect you to your promise to give me a lift.

Determiners - *a, some, the, etc.*

I've lived in USA for some years now.

Modals - *would, should, etc.*

You absolutely not use this path through the valley - it's dangerous.

Verb forms - *done, taking, see, etc.*

He's working on his car for two hours now.

Phrasal verbs - *give up, carry on, make out, etc.*

Susie has taken photography.

Pronouns - *me, it, that, etc.*

Tom hurt while playing football - he had to go to hospital.

Relative pronouns - *who, whose, which, etc.*

My wife, is Brazilian, works in the university.

Comparison - *more than, one of the worst, etc.*

Suzanne has twice as clothes as I do.

Linkers - *if, although, before, etc.*

You won't lose weight you go on a diet.

Prepositions - *on, by, in, etc.*

According the website, all flights to Berlin are delayed this morning.

Here are some other tips...

- Read the whole sentence carefully before you decide on an answer.
- If a word is spelled incorrectly, the answer is counted as wrong. You will need to transfer your answers to an answer sheet. Make sure you transfer each answer correctly. So check your spelling.
- Check whether the word you need should be singular or plural, past or present, etc.
- Always write something down, even if you are not sure of the right answer.

Here is a sample of what you will find on the exam.

For questions 1-8, 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 O N

What are the chances of slipping (0) a banana skin or being struck by a meteorite? These are not the sort of unlucky events that most people (1) their time thinking about, (2) one has already happened to them. (3) surprising number of people have imagined aliens kidnapping them. Some even have recurring nightmares about it, whereas relatively (4) are afraid of dying from flu, even (5) it is something that is more likely to happen. No doubt many people who go rock climbing will be among the people drinking bottled water on the grounds that it is safer (6) drinking tap water. Amazingly, our fear of flying outweighs our fear of driving, but going by plane is so much safer. People worry more about the possibility of dropping out of the air than of crashing on land. (7) an attempt to educate people about risks, scientists have constructed a scale they can use to compare any new and unfamiliar risks, (8) as those involved in taking new medicines.

Because the last few lessons focused on the past tense, let's review some of the most common irregular verbs as well.

If you are unsure of the correct past tense form, refer to the list of irregular verbs that was given earlier. (If you can't find your copy, let me know.)

Complete this table of past tense forms.
It includes both regular and irregular verbs.

Infinitive	Past tense	Past participle
blow	<i>blew</i>	<i>blown</i>
find		
eat		
hold		
keep		
think		
shake		
sink		
see		
bring		

