

## Task information

- In Part 1, you have to read a text with eight gaps, and choose the correct word from four options (A, B, C or D) to fill each gap.
- The words in the options will all be the same part of speech, e.g. nouns, adjectives, etc.
- Part 1 mainly tests vocabulary, and words which go together (collocations). It may also test how ideas in the text are connected.
- Knowing the meaning of the words in the options may not be enough. You will need to know how the words in the options are used in sentences in order to choose the correct one.
- You will need to understand the text as a whole to do the task. Study the words on either side of each gap and make sure the word you choose makes sense.

## Useful language Verbs + prepositions

- 1** Complete the sentences with prepositions from the box. Some of the prepositions can be used more than once.

of for on in to with from

- 1 He recovered ..... his illness very quickly.
- 2 Does anybody object ..... this idea?
- 3 Hundreds of people participated ..... the race.
- 4 My grandmother used to care ..... me while my mother was at work.
- 5 They adapted ..... the weather conditions without too much difficulty.
- 6 My aunt doesn't approve ..... people eating in the street.
- 7 I know I can depend ..... Tom when I need him.
- 8 I'm always competing ..... my sister, but we get on very well.
- 9 The students all benefited ..... the interesting lectures they attended.
- 10 How did she react ..... the news?

**Tip!** In your vocabulary notebook, record how the verb is used as well as its meaning, e.g. *recover*: 'become completely well again' – *She's recovered from the bicycle accident now.*

- 2** Correct the sentences by changing the prepositions.

- 1 Why don't you apply to the job?
- 2 I don't believe of telling lies – it's always wrong.
- 3 The football match resulted with a draw.
- 4 Mary dealt from the problem really well.
- 5 What can you contribute for the discussion?

## Useful language Verbs followed by either nouns or infinitives

- 3** Match the verbs in the box with the correct label.

assist	manage	accept	appreciate	imagine
agree	pretend	support	struggle	achieve

verbs followed by nouns: .....

verbs followed by infinitive with to: .....

**4** For sentences 1–8, decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

- 1 I don't know how I ..... to get here on time!  
A achieved      B struggled      C resulted      D managed
- 2 The football coach has ..... to run an extra practice session before the match.  
A accepted      B agreed      C achieved      D assisted
- 3 All the children laughed when Kim ..... to be a lion.  
A adapted      B imagined      C believed      D pretended
- 4 Sally is an experienced violinist, so has a lot to ..... to the success of the orchestra.  
A contribute      B support      C assist      D benefit
- 5 I wasn't really sure whether Mark ..... to my idea or not.  
A disapproved      B complained      C objected      D disliked
- 6 The college principal doesn't ..... of students shouting in the corridors.  
A appreciate      B agree      C approve      D accept
- 7 The job was difficult, but I think Greg ..... with the challenges extremely well.  
A dealt      B struggled      C managed      D adapted
- 8 Larry ..... all his colleagues' help when he started working with them.  
A benefited      B appreciated      C depended      D approved

**Tip!** Sometimes, a word doesn't fit in the gap for grammatical reasons, e.g. 5A: *disapproved* is followed by *of*, not *to*. Sometimes, it doesn't fit because it has the wrong meaning, e.g. 3A: *adapt* means 'become familiar with a new situation'.

## Useful language Verb collocations

- 5** Match the verbs in the table with the nouns and phrases in the box. Some can be placed in more than one column.

make	take	put	hold	keep	have

into account	an eye on	responsibility	use of	a risk	your way
advantage of	your breath	pressure on	an interest	a word	charge/control
the most of	the opportunity	someone waiting	something seriously	an end to	

- 6** Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the phrases from Exercise 5.

- 1 Sally managed ..... under water for two minutes.
- 2 It's important ..... all the participants' points of view before reaching a decision.
- 3 They ..... very carefully through the dense jungle.
- 4 Julian never seems to ..... ; he's always laughing.
- 5 I can't believe I was ..... outside his office for half an hour!
- 6 Could I ..... with you about the plans for next week?
- 7 I don't want to take the job, but my boss is ..... me to do so.
- 8 Could you ..... my little brother for a minute, please?