

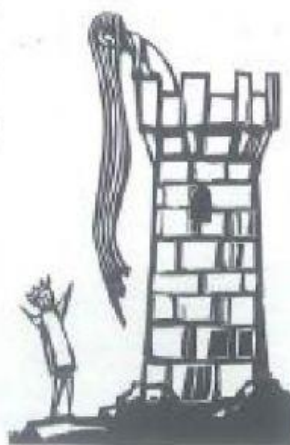
Section R4

Section R4 consists of 10 separate sentences which together form a continuous reading, like a story, a factual text or a description. There may be quite a variety of missing words including grammar words (such as prepositions or auxiliary verbs) or words from set phrases, idioms or phrasal verbs. There are 10 missing words worth 10 marks. You must read each sentence carefully to decide what the missing word is. It is also helpful to keep an eye on the previous sentence and the sentence after. If you spell the missing words correctly, you will get full marks. If you guess the correct word but you misspell it, you will still get half marks as the main focus of this section is reading not writing.

Rapunzel:

Practise Filling In The Gaps In This Fairy Tale.

A beautiful girl named Rapunzel, was imprisoned by a witch at the top of a tall tower. Rapunzel's prison tower was in the middle 1 a forest of thorny trees. It had neither stairs 2 a door, and only one window. When the witch visited, she called, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let 3 your hair!" Then, Rapunzel lowered her long hair from the window 4 that the witch could climb up and bring her food and drink. One day, a prince riding through the forest saw this and decided 5 copy the witch. When the witch 6 gone, the prince called to Rapunzel and climbed her hair. The prince and Rapunzel 7 in love. When the witch returned and found 8 about the prince, she banished Rapunzel from the kingdom. The prince jumped from the tower in despair and 9 blinded by the thorns below. After a long search, the blind prince found Rapunzel again. When they embraced 10 other, Rapunzel cried with happiness and her tears brought his sight back. They married and lived happily ever after.



Example:

Have you ever been to a place with a lot of snow?

1. James and his brother Samuel are on holiday in the mountains
_____ two weeks.
2. Both teenagers have enjoyed skiing ever _____ they were young children.
3. It has been snowing heavily all the time, so skiers can _____ see anything as they come down the slopes.
4. In fact, there is _____ much snow that a lot of the resort is closed.
5. However, in _____ of the bad weather, the boys are having a good time.
6. Tomorrow they are going to a local village in _____ to take photos.
7. James likes it there and he is _____ plans to return next year.
8. However, he says he _____ better check the weather first.
9. James only wants to ski _____ there is not too much snow at the resort.
10. Samuel would _____ visit a hot country. He is thinking about the Bahamas.

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Fill in the gaps with the missing words

Example: *Ian Fleming is best known as the author of the 007 James Bond books.*

- 1 Ian Fleming was born into a wealthy banking family in London _____ 1908.
- 2 He had a privileged childhood, attending _____ best schools in England.
- 3 In _____ of coming from a banking family, he wasn't successful in banking himself.
- 4 However, he _____ a successful career as a military spy.
- 5 He exaggerated the spy stories for his books; he didn't _____ them all up.
- 6 Fleming was very keen _____ bird-watching.
- 7 James Bond was the author of a bird book _____ was on Flemings' bookshelf.
- 8 Fleming decided this name _____ also just right for his fictional spy.
- 9 _____ the success of his first Bond book, Casino Royale, Fleming wrote 11 more.
- 10 Fleming died at the rather young age _____ 56.