

# Use of english - Part 2 Open cloze

## A DISCONTENTED PARENT

For three years, on and \_1\_)\_\_\_\_\_the teachers in Britain had been on strike or going slow. One parent, \_2\_)\_\_\_\_\_daughter received at the end of the summer a computer print-out telling her she had failed her school-leaving examinations (known in England \_3\_)\_\_\_\_\_Olevel), expressed the anger of many:

"... when someone I love, who has worked hard and intelligently, is reduced \_4\_)\_\_\_\_\_tears by a computer print-out I start to look for reasons. I start to reflect on her \_5\_)\_\_\_\_\_throughout the year to share textbooks with a friend. I reflect on the number of classes she attended which the relevant teacher, in pursuit of a dispute, \_6\_)\_\_\_\_\_not.... I reflect on the teacher who did not and does not set homework \_7\_)\_\_\_\_\_he 'doesn't believe in it.' Perhaps most of all, I reflect on \_8\_)\_\_\_\_\_might have been, \_9\_)\_\_\_\_\_not my daughter spent a crucial year in her life \_10\_)\_\_\_\_\_treated like an educational football by a profession so cosseted that faced with the threat of being assessed it walked \_11\_)\_\_\_\_\_the job.

"My wife and I cannot be the \_12\_)\_\_\_\_\_parents in this country who do not give a damn what teachers believe in. What we believe in is the right of our children to an education uninterrupted by disputes and untrammelled by pseudo-philosophical stances \_13\_)\_\_\_\_\_homework which are at best irrelevant and at worst plain idle. It may be that the anger and resentment I feel now is no substitute \_14\_)\_\_\_\_\_calm, rational thought followed by constructive action. But the first member of the National Union of Teachers who thinks of throwing that one at me had \_15\_)\_\_\_\_\_rehearse it first. In front of a mirror."