

# CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: Key

## Reading and Writing part 7

### 1 Complete the text. Write one word in each space.

My name (0) is Alison Davey and I live (1) in Alice Springs, Australia. It's not a very big town – only about 25,000 people (2) live here.

Alice Springs (most people just call it 'Alice') is in the north (3) of the country. It's not a bad place to live (4) because it isn't very exciting. There's a nice park that you can visit and outside the town there are some mountains where you can (5) go walking.

It's a very hot place and it's very dry too because it doesn't (6) rain very much.

In January, it's really hot and sometimes the (7) temperature can go up to 36 degrees. Alice is a very long (8) way from the sea so there aren't any beaches here.

Right now I'm at school but I want to go to university later. I want to go to Sydney because it's bigger (9) than Alice and a bit (10) more interesting too!

### Exam guide: open cloze

In this kind of exercise, you have to write one word in each space. These exercises test your grammar and vocabulary, but mostly grammar.

- First, read the text from beginning to end without worrying about the spaces. Then you get a good idea of the overall meaning.
- Then, when you go back to the beginning, think about meaning and grammar – for example, in space number 1, you know that people live in a city or town, so the answer is *in*.
- Look at spaces 9 and 10 – what's the word that comes after a comparative adjective like *bigger*? And what's the word that goes before longer adjectives like *interesting*?
- Sometimes you have to think about meaning too. For example, in space 6, the text says that the town is very dry because something doesn't happen very much. What stops a place being dry? That's right – *rain*.

## 2 Complete the email. Write one word in each space.

Hi Amy,

Well, here we (0) are at last. Niagara Falls! We flew from London (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Toronto and then (2) \_\_\_\_\_ dad hired a car and we drove to see the waterfalls. Wow – it's a fantastic place. I don't think there is anything more beautiful (3) \_\_\_\_\_ this in the world. I read that Niagara Falls isn't (4) \_\_\_\_\_ highest waterfall in the world – I think that's the Angel Falls in Venezuela – but it is really big. When you go close, the noise from the water is so loud, you can't (5) \_\_\_\_\_ other people talking! We stayed for about two hours. We walked around and took a lot (6) \_\_\_\_\_ photos. Then we went to the hotel – it's a really small hotel (7) \_\_\_\_\_ only ten rooms. I'm happy because I've (8) \_\_\_\_\_ my own room, and my parents are in another room.

Well, we (9) \_\_\_\_\_ having a great time here. Tomorrow we go back to Toronto. Can I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to you again from there?

See you!

Beth