

Reading and Use of English

Part 2 — Open Cloze

For questions 9–16, 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).

THE RISE OF URBAN FOXES

For centuries, foxes (0) have been closely associated with the countryside, but over the past few decades they (9) _____ become a familiar sight in towns and cities across the UK. Experts believe (10) _____ around 150,000 foxes now live in urban areas, attracted by the abundance of food and shelter that cities provide.

Unlike (11) _____ wild relatives, urban foxes have adapted remarkably well to life among humans. They have learned (12) _____ cross busy roads safely and even how to open bins (13) _____ search of leftovers. Some residents enjoy seeing foxes in their gardens, (14) _____ others consider them a nuisance because of the noise they make at night and the mess they sometimes leave behind.

Despite (15) _____ ongoing debate about whether urban foxes should be controlled, most experts agree that they pose little real threat to people. (16) _____ long as householders take simple precautions, such as securing rubbish bins, foxes and humans can continue to live alongside one another.

Part 4 — Key Word Transformation

For questions 17–22, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0. My brother is taller than me.

AS

Example: I'm not as tall as my brother.

17. She last visited her grandmother two years ago.

SINCE

It is two years _____ her grandmother.

18. I'm sure he didn't forget about the meeting.

HAVE

He _____ about the meeting.

19. It wasn't necessary for you to bring your laptop.

NEEDN'T

You _____ your laptop.

20. Tom is a better cook than his brother.

AS

Tom's brother _____ as Tom.

21. Despite the rain, we decided to go for a walk.

SPITE

We decided to go for a walk _____ the rain.

22. My parents allowed me to stay up late during the holidays.

ALLOWED

I _____ stay up late during the holidays.

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THE GROWTH OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens (0) **have** existed in various forms for centuries, but they have become especially popular (9) _____ recent years as more people look for ways to grow their own food. These shared spaces allow residents (10) _____ have little or no garden of their own to plant vegetables, fruit and flowers alongside their neighbours.

One of the (11) _____ appealing aspects of community gardens is the sense of connection they create. Working the soil (12) _____ side by side gives people a chance to meet others they might otherwise never encounter. Many gardeners say (13) _____ they have learned more about growing food from fellow members than from books or websites.

However, running a community garden is (14) _____ without its difficulties. Finding suitable land, securing funding and organising volunteers (15) _____ all require considerable effort. (16) _____ spite of these challenges, the number of community gardens continues to grow steadily across the country.

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17. She started working here three years ago.

BEEN

She _____ here for three years.

18. I regret not learning to play an instrument when I was young.

WISH

I _____ to play an instrument when I was young.

19. The film was so boring that we left before the end.

SUCH

It _____ film that we left before the end.

20. I don't know her phone number, so I can't call her.

IF

_____ her phone number, I could call her.

21. My parents didn't allow me to watch TV during the week.

LET

My parents _____ TV during the week.

22. He finally managed to fix the printer after an hour.

SUCCEEDED

He _____ the printer after an hour.