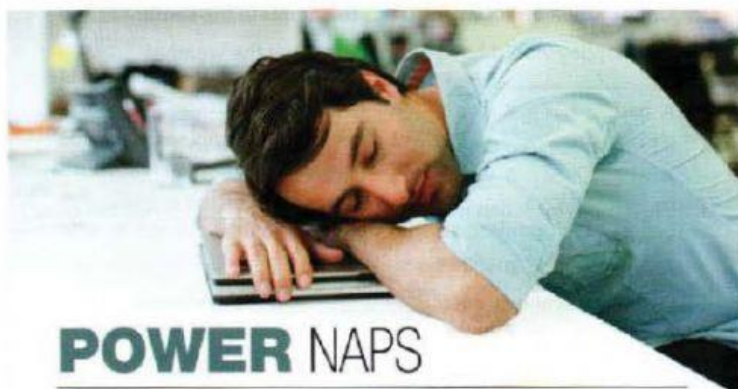- In Reading and Use of English Part 2, you read a short text with eight gaps. You have to think of the word that best fits each gap.

- There are no options to choose from.

- You have to think about the structure of the language in the text and the meaning of the text.

- The word you write must be spelled correctly, and must fit the gap grammatically.

- You cannot write contractions such as **don't** or **won't**, but you can write the word **cannot**.

- The gaps test your understanding of different kinds of grammar, for example, parts of verbs, dependent prepositions and articles.

- They also test your knowledge of phrasal verbs, linking words and fixed phrases.

- The answer is always a single word.

- Occasionally, there is more than one correct answer.

- Each question is worth one mark.

Practice task

1 Read the first paragraph of a text about power naps. Think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

POWER NAPS

Short sleeps, or 'power naps', are regarded by many
(0) _____ AS _____ a good way to recharge your batteries during the day. I have **(1)** _____ taking regular afternoon naps for a while now, and couldn't do without them. Experts used to think a quick power nap could make up for a bad night's sleep, but **(2)** _____ is now being questioned. It seems that for people **(3)** _____ sleep is disrupted at night, an afternoon nap can help to some extent, but it is far **(4)** _____ important to get the right amount of sleep at night.

How did you do?

2 Check your answers.

3 Look at the answers to the four questions in Ex 1 again.

1 Which answer is part of a verb tense? Which tense is it? Why is this tense correct here?

2 Which answer is a relative pronoun? What noun does it refer back to? Why is this pronoun correct here?

3 Which answer is part of a comparative structure? Which word before the gap helps you decide it should be a comparative structure? Why is *less* not correct?

4 Which answer is a reference word, which refers to an earlier idea? What idea does it refer back to? Why is *these* not correct here?

4 Which gap can be filled by two possible words? Why?