

CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 7

- * For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

A. nicest

B. biggest

C. best

D. richest

To Sell or not to Sell?

You may think selling your house is easy but everyone wants to get the (0) **best** deal. Unfortunately, the housing market is (1)_____ to highs and lows, which could prevent your (2)_____ the price you want. However, displaying your house at its best could persuade (3)_____ buyers it's worth paying more for than a similar one nearby. Here are some simple steps you can take that might (4)_____ a sale.

De-clutter and throw away or store superfluous stuff. It may have sentimental value for you but to a buyer it's junk. Tidy shelves and work surfaces. (5)_____ most buyers will renovate a house as soon as they move in, it is worth (6)_____ up the place by painting, replacing worn carpets and so on. The look you want is neat but lived in – comfortable and cosy but suggesting that there is still (7)_____ for a purchaser to put their own (8)_____ on the house. It's your home and you love it but the trick is to make others love it, too!

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| 1. A. liable | B. subject | C. acceptable | D. part |
| 2. A. succeeding | B. winning | C. achieving | D. managing |
| 3. A. developing | B. unrealised | C. potential | D. capable |
| 4. A. clinch | B. fix | C. verify | D. stick |
| 5. A. But | B. Despite | C. However | D. Although |
| 6. A. doing | B. getting | C. making | D. working |
| 7. A. space | B. room | C. place | D. capacity |
| 8. A. idea | B. brand | C. character | D. stamp |

- * For questions 1 – 8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). **APPEAL**

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.
Example: **APPEALING**

My favourite place

This may be a surprising choice as it's not comfortable or obviously (0) **appealing** (**APPEAL**) I'm sure many people gravitate towards the (1)_____ (**GRAND**) of Venice or the beauty of Sydney but the place that does it for me is a remote valley in Iceland. Far from anything man-made, it was created by a violent natural catastrophe. It would have been a challenging place to live under any circumstances but thousands of years ago a volcanic (2)_____ (**ERUPT**) under a glacier caused a flood that carved out a huge canyon. (3)_____ (**TOWER**) walls of rock on either side protect the valley from the (4)_____ (**STRONG**) of the ferocious Arctic winds. Here a forest has grown up in a (5)_____ (**SHELTER**) area of calm. I find it has its own (6)_____ (**ATMOSPHERE**) identity, which some may find (7)_____ (**PLEASE**) or even threatening. However, it draws me back time after time. I stay in the campsite and it gives me a new perspective on my everyday life. It makes me appreciate the formidable power and (8)_____ (**ESCAPE**) force of nature!

1. GRAND

2. ERUPT

3. TOWER

4. STRONG

5. SHELTER

6. ATMOSPHERE

7. PLEASE

8. ESCAPE