

Open Cloze 1 (C1)

For questions 1-8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

The Power of Constraints

It may seem (1)_____ a paradox, but imposing limitations can often be a powerful catalyst for creativity. When the endless possibilities of a blank page become (2)_____ overwhelming, a specific constraint can provide a necessary focus. This principle holds true (3)_____ a wide range of disciplines, from poetry to software engineering. (4)_____ is not to say that creativity is stifled; (5)_____ the contrary, it is channelled and refined. The history of innovation is littered (6)_____ examples of breakthroughs that occurred precisely because resources were scarce. In such situations, people are forced to think more ingeniously and make the very (7)_____ of what they have. Ultimately, working within boundaries teaches us that creativity thrives not in infinite freedom, (8)_____ in the clever navigation of limits.