

# 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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**AS**

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

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 couldn't fall asleep because the music was very loud.

**ENOUGH**

The music was \_\_\_\_\_ me fall asleep.

21. My parents didn't let me 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.