

CAE Practice

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.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Example: 0 FEW

Escaping to the city of Boulder

There can be (0)better gateways to the Rockies than the city of Boulder. This Colorado city enjoys its outdoor pursuits just (1) much as wonderful restaurants and friendly bars. All year (2), a changing cast of hikers, bikers, rafters and skiers make their pilgrimage to the Rocky Mountains. But (3)they reach this quiet high-altitude world, there is a last taste of urban life.

The city of Boulder was founded (4) the back of a gold rush in 1859, and soon won the right to host Colorado's main university. (5) the 1950s, its citizens have also had the foresight to put (6) land for parks, and to stop their growing city from encroaching on the foothills of the Rockies. These wooded areas provide Boulder's stunning backdrop. The most impressive are the steep towers of rock known (7) the Flatirons. Hiking trails begin where the houses end and are much used by the people of Boulder. But not so (8) on a snowy morning when the blizzards appear out of nowhere.