



practice-english.com

C1 ADVANCED

Use of English

Practice Test 13



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The recording never lies?

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 1-8, choose the option which best completes the text.

Daniel Morris, producer of the Wild Coast radio series, considers himself to be a careful journalist, a sceptic even. But in 1990, when he saw recordings of whales captured in a harbour (1) _____, he thought he was seeing scientific proof that these visitors had really arrived. He published the recordings alongside an article he wrote, (2) _____ whales as winter visitors. It was not until 2009 that the two technicians responsible finally admitted the recording was a (3) _____. They simply downloaded whale calls from a large online archive and (4) _____ them with recordings of waves. The results are (5) _____ beautiful. But the simplicity of the trick (6) _____ a basic principle of broadcasting, that a recording cannot lie. But it can, and always could. Today, we are used to editing software (7) _____ us to rework our audio files and it is a (8) _____ that broadcasting ever had a true age of innocence. From the moment microphones began capturing reality, that reality was being altered.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	venue	setting	background	surrounding
2	calling	naming	attributing	acknowledging
3	false	faulty	fake	fictional
4	aligned	spaced	settled	mixed
5	categorically	unavoidably	substantially	undeniably
6	weakens	undermines	demolishes	dismantles
7	letting	supporting	enabling	empowering
8	fantasy	legend	dream	myth



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Labelling storage boxes

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 9-16, write one word in each gap.

When it comes to home storage, we all know what we ought to do: choose a different, clear set of labels and colours for every cupboard shelf, storage box or archive folder. But hardly (9) _____ does this, because maintaining them all seems impossible. So we use the same vague words for every box, (10) _____ a room name or, even worse, the word 'miscellaneous', occasionally remembering to replace one written label with a colour, or choosing to (11) _____ use of a coloured sticker. Even if we opt (12) _____ a random group of symbols such as red-blue, unclear labels can still make every search take several minutes, forcing a visitor to open many stored boxes before finally finding the correct documents at home. Interestingly, (13) _____ adding twenty detailed words to each label, you make every box much harder to scan quickly and accurately. The problem is that you would (14) _____ no chance of ever reading those twenty words. The solution, apparently, is to come (15) _____ with three or four short, useful categories and work (16) _____ a way to remember them. Easy!

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Crowding at an indoor climbing centre

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 17-24, use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Peak Climb Centre, Leeds is becoming increasingly popular as a venue for climbing practice. During the winter training season, (17) _____ sessions provide a number of safe opportunities to use the walls. As a result, the sheer number of visitors has brought an (18) _____ problem, potentially even more dangerous than slippery surfaces and damaged equipment - overcrowded conditions. The fact that there are so many climbers, many of them complete (19) _____, means that at times people are queuing for hours to reach advanced routes. This hazard has led to calls for stricter assessments of new indoor climbers, as in their (20) _____ to reach the highest wall such inexperienced climbers are sometimes ignoring the advice of their qualified instructors, which may (21) _____ everyone's safety. Perhaps one (22) _____ would be to make the fees for using the centre so high that only a few people could afford the sessions. Or (23) _____, one could ban the use of automatic ropes and personal instructors, leaving routes to the very best (24) _____. Extreme, maybe, but it may just prove necessary.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	FAVOUR	
18	EXPECT	
19	BEGIN	
20	DESPERATE	
21	DANGER	
22	SOLVE	
23	ALTERNATE	
24	MOUNTAIN	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 13

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between 3 and 8 words.

25 I asked Sam to stop his daughter watching the horror film.

LET

I asked Sam _____ the horror film.

26 The council plans to ban driving through the square.

ILLEGAL

The council plans to _____ through the square.

27 Tom left early enough to catch his train before the coach arrived.

TIME

By the time the coach arrived, _____ to catch his train.

28 The new guide appears to revise the old handbook completely.

THOROUGH

The new guide appears _____ the old handbook.

29 Visitor numbers increased slowly throughout spring.

GRADUAL

There _____ visitor numbers over spring.

30 The colour of the label did not matter to the inspector.

CONSEQUENCE

The colour of the label _____ to the inspector.



ANSWER KEY

PRACTICE TEST 13

INSTRUCTIONS

Accepted answers are shown where more than one form is valid.

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

1	B
2	D
3	C
4	D
5	D
6	B
7	C
8	D

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	ANYONE / ANYBODY
10	LIKE
11	MAKE
12	FOR
13	BY
14	HAVE
15	UP
16	OUT

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	FAVOURABLE
18	UNEXPECTED
19	BEGINNERS
20	DESPERATION
21	ENDANGER
22	SOLUTION
23	ALTERNATIVELY
24	MOUNTAINEERS

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	NOT TO LET HER WATCH
26	MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO DRIVE
27	TOM HAD LEFT IN TIME
28	TO BE A THOROUGH REVISION OF
29	WAS A GRADUAL RISE IN
30	WAS OF NO CONSEQUENCE