

Tips - Open Cloze - Vocabulary (Parts of speech)

- Read the passage like a reading comprehension exercise. You have to understand it.
- Look at the words around the blank.
- Decide on the **part of speech** of the blank (see below).
- Think about which word would fit the meaning.
- Look for clues further down in the passage (you can often find the word).
- Pay attention to grammar (see each part of speech below).

<b>Verbs</b>	
Function:	Describe actions, link ideas
Examples:	is/am/are, jumped, spoke
Clues:	A <i>noun</i> before or after the blank. No <i>verb</i> in the sentence.
Grammar reminders:	What tense do you need? Check the subject-verb agreement (The food <i>are</i> > <i>is</i> delicious).

<b>Nouns</b>	
Function:	Name people, things, animals
Examples:	John, post office, dog, people
Clues:	Words <i>a, an, the</i> before, a <i>verb</i> after the blank
Grammar reminders:	Do you need the plural form?

<b>Adjectives</b>	
Function:	Tell us more about nouns
Examples:	angry, surprised, friendly, sad
Clues:	a <i>noun</i> after the blank or a noun and a linking verb (be) before the noun.
Grammar reminders:	Do you need the 'ed' form or the 'ing' form? E.g. The movie was <i>bered</i> > <i>boring</i> .

## Adverbs

Function:	Tell us more about verbs or adjectives (where, when, how)
Examples:	very, noisily, happily, yesterday, there
Clues:	an adjective after the blank, a verb before the blank
Grammar reminders:	Have you spelt the word correctly?

## Prepositions

Function:	Link verbs, nouns and adjectives with nouns, show position, phrasal verbs
Examples:	in, on, under, off, for, with, over, about
Clues:	part of a phrasal verb, noun and the blank
Grammar reminders:	Think about whether there is movement (e.g. in, onto)

## Conjunctions

Function:	Link ideas, clauses and sentences
Examples:	and, but, because, therefore
Clues:	two clauses in a sentence, the blank is the first word of the second sentence, punctuation (look for commas), sense
Grammar reminders:	Make sure the sentence makes sense.

## Pronouns

Function:	Used in place of nouns or noun phrases
Examples:	he, she, they, him, her, this, that, these, which, who
Clues:	Names of people and things
Grammar reminders:	Do you need the subject form (he) or the object form (him)?

## Interjections

Function:	Used to show surprise or to stress something
Examples:	Ouch!
Clues:	Exclamation mark

## Exercise 3

Complete each blank using ONE word.

### Teeth

It is very important to look \_\_\_\_\_ your teeth. They need to last for many \_\_\_\_\_. They are not like other parts of our \_\_\_\_\_ which can get better if we hurt ourselves like our skin.



Luckily, it is very easy to take good care of them. You simply need to remember to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ a day. You should do this once in the \_\_\_\_\_ and once \_\_\_\_\_ before going to \_\_\_\_\_. Make sure you brush every tooth. Don't miss the ones \_\_\_\_\_ the back of your \_\_\_\_\_. You should also try not to eat too much \_\_\_\_\_ or other types \_\_\_\_\_ of sugary food. These types of food can cause holes to form and then you might get toothache.

You should also see your \_\_\_\_\_ once a year to check your teeth and make sure \_\_\_\_\_ are healthy. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ going to the dentist but it is fun sitting in the special \_\_\_\_\_ because it can go up and down. Some dentists even \_\_\_\_\_ stickers to students who take good care of their teeth.

#### Thinking Skills

Why do you think candy is bad for our teeth?

**Exercise 3 - answers**

Complete each blank using ONE word.

**Teeth**

It is very important to look **after** your teeth. They need to last for many **years**. They are not like other parts of our **body** which can get better if we hurt ourselves like our skin.



Luckily, it is very easy to take good care of them if you simply need to remember to **brush** them twice a day. You should do this once in the **morning** and once before going to **bed**. Make sure you brush every tooth. Don't miss the ones at the back of your **mouth**. You should also try not to eat too much **candy** or other types of sugary food. These types of food can cause holes to form and then you might get a toothache.

You should also see your **dentist** once a year to check your teeth and make sure **they** are healthy. Many people **hate/dislike** going to the dentist but it is fun sitting in the special **chair/seat** because it can go up and down. Some dentists even **give** stickers to students who take good care of their teeth.

**Thinking Skills**

Why do you think candy is bad for our teeth?