

Reading and Use of English Part 2 – Open cloze

Teacher's notes and answer key

The following worksheet – taken from Mark Harrison's *New Proficiency Testbuilder*, and updated for 2017 – is intended to help your students prepare for Part 2 of the Reading and Use of English paper of the Cambridge Proficiency Exam. It is designed to be used in class.

Answer key

9. look/glance
10. alone
11. let
12. out
13. in
14. whose
15. among/amongst
16. set

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For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits in each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). In the exam you will mark your answers on a separate answer sheet.

Example: (0) that

Worksheet

Laughing is Good for You – Seriously

It is a sad fact (0) *that* adults laugh far less than children. Just take a (9) _____ at people's faces on the way to work or in the office: you'll be lucky to see a smile, let (10) _____ hear a laugh.

There are many reasons why we might laugh less in adult life: perhaps we are too work-obsessed, or too embarrassed to (11) _____. our emotions show. Some psychologists simply believe that children have more naive responses, and as adults we naturally grow (12) _____ of spontaneous reactions.

Luckily, it is possible to relearn the art of laughter. In India, 'laughter clinics' have been growing (13) _____ popularity over the last few years, thanks to the efforts of Dr Madan Kataria, (14) _____ work has won him a devoted following. Dr Kataria believes that his laughing techniques can help to strengthen the immune system and lower stress levels, (15) _____ other things. He teaches his patients different laughs or giggles to relax specific parts of the body. Now, laughter clubs following Dr Kataria's teachings have been (16) _____ up in more than 105 countries around the world.

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