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WHAT IS THE “OPEN CLOZE” IN THE CAMBRIDGE EXAMS?
The second part of the Use of English paper in the FCE, CAE & CPE Cambridge examinations is the open cloze, in which students use one word to fill each space in a short text. The required words are usually grammatical, such as pronouns, articles, prepositions, auxiliary verbs and so on.

The most common kinds of missing words are:

DETERMINERS
This, That, These, Those, Which, Whose...

CONJUNCTIONS & ADVERBS
Where, What, When, How, Why, Who,

ARTICLES AND QUANTIFIER
Few, little, none, some, any, much, many, no, enough, either, neither, fewer, less, Both, all, nothing, something.

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS
After, although, as, as if, as long as, as though, because, before, even if, even though, even if, if, if only, in order that, now that, once, rather than, since, so that, than, that, though, till, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, while

PRONOUNS
I me my mine myself you your yours yourself yourselves he him his himself she her hers herself it its itself itsself we us our ours ourselves they them their theirs themselves
AUXILIARY VERBS, MODAL VERBS & OTHER VERB FORMS
 Been, can, could, do, did, done, has, had, have, may, might, must, need, ought to, seen, shall, should, was, were, will, would.

PREPOSITIONS / PHRASAL VERBS
 At, to, on, in, with, for, of, up, down, about, along, out, into, around, through, over, after, back, across, off, without, away, behind, forward...

RELATIVE PRONOUNS, DETERMINERS AND LINKING EXPRESSIONS
Who, whose, whom, which, when, where, what, how, that, whom, this, that, these, those...

CONTRAST LINKS
In spite of, despite (the fact that), although, even though, even so, however, nevertheless, but, yet, whereas, while, but, notwithstanding...

PURPOSE LINKS
In order to, for, to, so as to, so that, in order that...

REASON LINKS
Due to, owing to, because of, on account of, since, in case (of), therefore, so, consequently, seeing that, seeing as, consequently...

ADDITION LINKS
Too, also, as well, as well as, not only...but also, besides, in addition to, moreover, furthermore, what’s more, such as, for example, for instance, apart from, except for...

CONDITIONAL LINKS
Provided (that), unless, as long as, if, whether (or), either...or, neither...nor, until, even if...

VERBS
Examples: have called the situation “a disgraceful waste of taxpayers’ money”
I earn enough money to take care of my needs.
My only near relative, a sister, died three years ago. So I have no family.

Missing preposition

Example 1 — Preposition at the beginning of the sentence/paragraph.

_____ this new section have been added several articles that have been published on this particular topic by British authors.

Clue: We need to notice the verb added before we decide on the word. Added is usually followed by the preposition ”to” and this is the word we are looking for.

“To” this new section have been added several articles that have been published on this particular topic by British authors.

Example 2 — Preposition in the middle of the sentence/paragraph.

Nevertheless, there are many places that sell to the public, so if you want to indulge ___ a spot of shopping in London, you will probably manage to find want you want.

Clue: We need to notice the verb indulge before we decide on the word. Indulge (as a prepositional verb) is usually followed by the preposition ”in” and this is the word we are looking for.

Nevertheless, there are many places that sell to the public, so if you want to indulge IN ___ a spot of shopping in London, you will
probably manage to find want you want.

**Example 3 – Preposition at the end of the sentence/paragraph.**
The man she was going out ____ was a friend of her brother’s, and he is actually the one I took the picture ____.

**Clue**: In this case, we need to notice the two verbs “indulge” and take in its past tense form “took”, before we decide on the word. Indulge (as a prepositional verb) is usually followed by the preposition ”in” and the expression to take a picture is usually followed by the preposition “of”.

The man she was going out ____ WITH ____ was a friend of her brother’s, and he is actually the one I took the picture ____ OF ____.

**HOW TO SPOT A PREPOSITIONAL VERB**

A prepositional phrase is a verb followed by a preposition. It takes an object, such as a noun (phrase), a pronoun or a gerund (phrase).

Prepositional Phrase = Verb + Preposition + Direct Object

Verb + Preposition + Direct Object
Someone knocked at the door
They are listening to music
I will look after him
She apologised for her mistake
They will benefit from having more free time.

The sentence order can sometimes be changed as in:
Object + preposition + Subject + verb
The man with whom I was speaking was extremely wealthy.

**Example 1**
John said he would never agree ____ the new proposal and decided ____ attending the meeting.
He was planning ____ complaining ____ it to the CEO.

**TIP**: We need to remember that we may be dealing with a prepositional verb in cases when the gap comes right after a verb and before a noun (phrase), pronoun or gerund (phrase).
Examples:
- He insisted __ON__ speaking to the manager of the shop. (gerund phrase)
- The boss looked __AT__ us with a serious expression on his face. (pronoun)
- Our company caters _FOR_ children with learning difficulties. (noun phrase)

John said he would never agree __WITH___ the new proposal and decided _AGAINST___ attending the meeting. He was planning __ON___ complaining __ABOUT___ it to the CEO.

**Plural vs singular noun**

This is your opportunity to test your Judo skills. The tournament is open to ___ competitor aged sixteen to nineteen.

**Clue:** We need to notice that the noun “competitor” is in the singular form. The pronoun “All” is usually followed by a plural noun or pronoun so it doesn’t fit here. The right word would be “any” or “every” since they are usually followed by a noun in the singular form.

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For example, the BLS reports that the 2012 median pay for a diesel mechanic was more than $42,000 per year and that the total number of jobs across ____ industries was expected to grow by 9 percent from 2012 to 2022 — more than 21,000 additional positions.

**Clue:** We need to notice that the noun “industries” is in its plural form. The pronoun “All” is usually followed by a plural noun or pronoun so it fits here. The word “any” can be used before plural nouns, but it doesn’t fit here because "Any" is mostly used in negative and conditional sentences, as well as in questions.

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After finishing the concert, the band usually _____ to _____ hotel rooms.

**Clue:** Band is a collective noun. Collective nouns can be either singular or plural depending on context. In this one, the first thing we need to notice is that the noun “room” is in plural: “nouns”. Therefore, It makes logical sense that the member of the band should have each their own room.

After finishing the concert, the band usually go to their hotel rooms.

**Grammatical functions of prepositions**
It seems that an ever-increasing number of people losing their jobs all over the country, the government will be forced to assume the social costs and take measures to try to solve the situation.

Another example would be: With John gone there is more room in the house.

__ assume then that I can do everything on my own, would be unrealistic on my part.

In the paragraph above we have a “TO” infinitive as the subject of the sentence.

TO assume then that I can do everything on my own, would be unrealistic on my part.

Other examples would be: To have lots of money is always good.
To have studied would have been better for him.
To be seen could have been dangerous.

It was believed that the ring symbolized a bond between the couple who were__ be married.__

- In the paragraph above we use “TO” as part of the formal phrase “to be to do something”

It was believed that the ring symbolized a bond between the couple who were__TO_ be married.__

Another example would be: The party is TO take place tomorrow at a night club.

**Choice of conjunction**

Alternative strategies for average risk individuals include annual stool tests to detect blood and flexible sigmoidoscopic exams every five years, ______ unlike colonoscopy this approach does not allow visualization and removal of polyps in the entire colon. The ACG urges you to talk to your doctor about what screening tests are right for you.

Draining gas from power equipment or cars is one way to prevent gunk and debris from forming, but it isn’t always a practical solution. One alternative — add a fuel stabilizer. ______, you need to choose the right treatment to ensure maximum fuel quality. In general, ethanol-blended gasoline should be used within 30-45 days.

In the two paragraphs above there are a few conjunctions or connectors we could think of, for example: but, though, although, however.

**BUT** expresses a contrast that is unexpected in light of the first clause:
Ex: He lost his wife in a car accident, but he still seems able to live quite happily.

ALTHOUGH / THOUGH add some information that makes the previous statement less important, less strong or gives more options or adds an exception to a rule.
Ex: Although he wasn’t in the mood, he still went out with his friends.

ALTHOUGH IS USUALLY PRECEDED BUT NEVER FOLLOWED BY A COMMA.

Unless it is actually followed by an interruption, rather than by an introductory clause:

- Although, as John said, he won the race, He was still disappointed.

ALTHOUGH can't be used to introduce an independent clause either.
Ex: He doesn’t like karaoke, although he is a very good singer.

✓ I wanted to lift the weight by myself, although I knew it would be difficult.

Reminder:

An independent clause is a group of words that can stand on its own as a sentence: it has a subject, a verb, and is a complete thought.

A dependent clause is a group of words that also contains a subject and a verb, but it is not a complete thought. Because it is not a complete thought, a dependent clause cannot stand on its own as a sentence; it is dependent on being attached to an independent clause to form a sentence.

HOWEVER is an adverb and is usually used when you want to put your thoughts in two separate sentences. Ex: I don't like sandwiches. However, I like them when I make them.

Notice that however comes after a semi-colon (and at times, a full stop) and it is enclosed with commas.

This is one possible solution to the problem. However, there are others. (full stop)
There may, however, be other reasons that we don't know about. (commas)

It's an odd system; however, it seems to work. (semi-colon)

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Spot a comparison

THAN, LESS, MORE, AS...AS

___ able to ride out the economic crisis than multinational corporations with whom they co-existed, small businesses had no option but to shut down.

Clue: We need to notice the verb conjunction “than” before we decide on the word.

“Than” is telling us that we are dealing with a comparison and that the word we are looking for is an adjective in its comparative form.

Less able to ride out the economic crisis than multinational corporations with whom they co-existed, small businesses had no option but to shut down.
When it comes to housing, many people say that it makes more sense to rent a house located close to your work or your children’s school _____ to buy a new one.

Clue: We need to notice the determiner “more” before we decide on the word. “More” is telling us that we are dealing with a comparison and that the word we are looking for is the conjunction “than”.

When it comes to housing, many think that it makes more sense to rent a house located close to your work or your children’s school __ THAN ____ to buy a new one.

It is said that by the age of 30, twice as many women ____ men are still single and live at home with their parents.

Clue: We need to notice the adverb “as” before we decide on the word. “AS” is telling us that we are dealing with a comparison and that the word we are looking for is another “as”. We use the structure, AS ....... AS to make comparisons of things that are similar.

It is said that by the age of 30, twice as many women __ AS __ men are still single and live at home with their parents.

CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS / ADVERBIAL CONJUNCTIONS

According, again, also, as a result, besides, consequently, finally, for example, further, furthermore, hence, however, in addition, indeed, in fact, in particular, instead, likewise, meanwhile, moreover, namely, nevertheless, of course, otherwise, still, that is, then, therefore, thus, etc.

At the beginning of a sentence / After a full stop

When they are placed at the beginning of a sentence, they are separated from the rest of the sentence with a comma. In such cases, the conjunctive adverb needs a comma after it because it is a phrase appearing before an independent clause. Note the commas in the following sentences.

Therefore, we will have to wait.
Still, it seems that he will be here tomorrow.
In other words, if you are late again, you are fired.
Likewise, everybody should know how to change a tyre.
Meanwhile, we were sleeping.
However, there might be more people interested.
Thus, it will be easier to do. 
Above all, we need to understand that...I can't afford to go to the concert. 
Besides, I'm not very keen on tennis.

Between two independent clauses

Finally, sometimes conjunctive adverbs can be used as conjunctions to link two independent clauses together. Typically, they are placed after a semicolon in this situation and are always followed by a comma. As in the following examples:

- He was really handsome; furthermore, he was healthy and never had a bad word to say about anybody.
- John passed the exam with flying colours; however, Mike failed his.
- Laura appreciated the ring; nevertheless, a car would have been a better gift.

When they function as adverbs, they do not need any special punctuation. For example, consider these two sentences:

She was accordingly quite interested in him. 

However hard I try, I can’t manage to bench press 100kg.

Here, accordingly and however are simple adverbs. Accordingly modifies the adjective interested. However modifies the adjective hard.

GAP AFTER A FULL STOP

Sometimes you will come across some tests in which you will notice that the gap has been placed after a full stop, as in:

The 99 percent has watched gas prices follow a perpetual climb that has left consumers wallowing at the pump. By the beginning of April, the national average was $3.92. ________ it has since fallen about 18 cents for most regions, the west coast is still staring at billboards offering $4.37 a gallon.

“American Pie” established the formula for raunchy, male bonding comedies in 1999. The original was a smash hit, followed by hugely successful sequels. The latest rumour is that an “American Pie 4” is in the oven at Universal Studios. ________ it’s slated to be a theatrical release, audiences will simply have to wait with hungry anticipation.

Travelling by train is a good option, ________, it could prove to be very expensive.

The first thing we need to notice is whether we have a comma immediately after the gap or not. This will give us a clue as to what word we need to write in the gap. If there is no comma, we might need to use a coordinating or subordinating conjunction, such as although, though, while, before, after, unless, etc. Of course, it has to fit the context.

On the other hand, if we have a comma after the gap we might need to use a conjunctive adverb or an adverbial conjunction, such as “However”, “Therefore”, “Nevertheless”, etc.

EXERCISE
I was doing my homework, he was listening to music.

you go home, please make sure that everything is in order.

He is 62 years old, he still has a lot of energy.

He has lived for 10 years in England, he speaks English fluently.

( + comma) = However, Therefore, Nevertheless, Still, Likewise, Besides, etc. (no comma) = Although, Though, While, Before, After, Unless, etc.

Choice of modal verb

Messi  be small – he is only five foot six inches tall,  he is the best footballer in the world.

Before we decide which modal verb to use, we need to spot or guess the preposition “but” since it will help us on our decision. In this case, we are going to use the structure “may…but”, which is usually used when we want to agree that something is true, but then we argue that this doesn’t affect or change what we are stating.

Can – expresses ability, permission, request & possibility

Could - expresses possibility & permission, request, suggestion

May – expresses possibility, permission & wish

Might - expresses possibility, permission, suggestion, duty,

Messi can be small – choice…

If you win you will be rewarded with a prize. It can be small or large: from a box of chocolates to a new car.

- Messi could be small – There is a possibility that they were small if something happened. La tribu podría ser pequeña si….

Messi may be small – Even though he is small…It may be possible that…

Messi might be small – Even though he were small…It might be possible

- la remota posibilidad de que Messi sea pequeño.....pero...

Messi may be small – he is only five foot six inches tall, but he is the best footballer in the world.

EXERCISE

READ THE TEXTS BELOW AND DECIDE WHICH MODAL VERB (CAN, COULD, MAY, MIGHT, SHOULD, WOULD) BEST FITS EACH GAP AND COMPLETE THE TEXT BELOW.

The next morning, Shepard woke up virtually paralyzed. “I not lift my body out of bed, turn my head or move my right arm,” says Shepard. Naturally, his wife at the time wanted to rush him to the emergency room straightaway.

While you be inclined to tackle the stack of pesky e-mails that continue to pile up, experts say
that instead of trying to get a fickle Wi-Fi connection to work while you’re en route, a better use of your time might be to rest, relax and recharge.

**Use of quantifiers**

much, many, few, little, a lot of, plenty of, some, any…

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>He’s bad tempered. He has very _____ patience.</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The weather was lovely that day, and there were _____ people on the beach.</td>
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We need to focus on Countable (a, few, fewer, many, etc) vs Uncountable (little, less, much, etc.) quantifiers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>He’s bad tempered. He has very LITTLE patience.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Patience is an uncountable noun.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The weather was lovely that day, and there were <em><strong>MANY</strong></em> people on the beach.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>People is a plural noun.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The quantifier/gap may be found in the following positions:

**Before a noun:**
- He has very little patience.
- I must go. I have some homework to do.
- She finished the exam without any difficulty.

**Before an adjective**
- There’s an improvement in some particular cases.

**Before a verb**
- I can’t see anybody coming.
- I’m thirsty. I want something to drink.

**Before an adverb**
- All of them will become rich, some quickly, some a bit more slowly.

**FORMULA**  
**ADJ + QUANTIFIER + NOUN**  
Very little patience  

**VERB + QUANTIFIER + NOUN**  
Have some homework  

**VERB + QUANTIFIER + VERB (INFINITE / GERUND / PARTICIPLE)**  
See anybody coming  

**PREPOSITION + QUANTIFIER + ADJ**  
In some particular  

**PREPOSITION + QUANTIFIER + NOUN**  
In some symptoms  

**QUANTIFIER + ADVERB**  
Some quickly
Choice of adverbs or question words

Was your wedding just as you wanted it to be? Or are there things that you would have changed? This is your opportunity to express your thoughts about ______ your ideal wedding is like.

In the previous paragraph we need to notice that the last word is “like”. That is giving us a clue on the word that we need. We have to think of the structure “what…like” as in “You know what she is like” or “what is the weather like?” This structure is used to talk about the appearance of things or people.

Was your wedding just as you wanted it to be? Or are there things that you would have changed? This is your opportunity to express your thoughts about ______ your ideal wedding is like.

Our Voice of the Customer (VOC) questionnaire aims to get feedback from our customers about how our products perform. ______ else can we make sure that what we do is what our customers need other than by asking them?

In the previous paragraph we need to focus on the last part “ other than by asking them”. “Asking them” is a way of learning about how our products perform. It is not a person & obviously it is not a thing, so “Who” and “What” don’t work here. So the word we need has to be used to describe in what way we do something and that word is “HOW”.

Our Voice of the Customer (VOC) questionnaire aims to get feedback from our customers about how our products perform. HOW else can we make sure that what we do is what our customers need other than by asking them?

HOW TO Spot a “Not”

Sometimes we will have a gap between two words, and we’ll notice that the sentence makes sense without adding any other word. In such case, we will probably need to add a “NOT”.

Of course it has to make sense and fit with the context coming from previous sentences, and it also depends on the context of the sentence or sentences after the gap.

Ex: Tap water does ____ contain more bacteria than bottled water.
    Tap water does NOT contain more bacteria than bottled water.
    And they are ____ the only ones to blame for the financial crisis.
    And they are NOT the only ones to blame for the financial crisis.
There are two things you have to realize before considering this money-making tactic. First, you must be willing to have the advertisement on your car wherever you go, but you are ____ permitted to take it off until the advertising term ends.

**Clue:** We need to notice that the sometimes the adverb “NOT” will be accompanied by the preposition “BUT”, when there is a contrast between two statements, and by the conjunction “AND” when we give more reasons to support our argument.

See the following paragraphs:

**Financing higher education requires saving consistently over the long term, but it’s NOT impossible.**

Are you attracted to a dazzling smile? Approximately one-third of American adults report first noticing a smile when meeting someone they find attractive. However, poor oral hygiene can harm NOT only your smile, but your overall health too.

The holidays may NOT be a popular time for birthdays, but they sure are a popular time for conception.

**Clue:** The adverb “NOT” will be sometimes accompanied by the coordinating conjunction “AND” in order to give more reasons to support our argument.

See the following paragraph:

Many community pools simply do ____ have the funds to make the mandated changes. Facilities serving under-privileged children, senior citizens, physically or mentally disabled citizens, or other facets of the community with special needs do ___ run on large budgets, and economic conditions have cut many public pools’ budgets.

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**EVEN THOUGH, EVEN IF, EVEN SO , EVEN WHEN**

He became one of the wealthiest and more powerful men in the country. _______, he remained humble and close to his friends.

*even so = despite what has just been said  
even though = although  
I had a terrible headache, but even so I went to work. Surprising fact (aún así)  
Even though I had a terrible headache, I went to work.*

The reporters were in fact quite closely involved in organising the race, and Desgrange would go on to remain Tour Director from 1903 right up to 1939. **EVEN SO**, their initial design for the race changed in several important ways before the first one was run.

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**IMPORTANT**
These expressions are not always interchangeable; the context of the sentence will affect your choice:

“**Even though**” is used when something is always done or a fact is mentioned.

“**Even when**” is used when something is occasionally done.

“**Even if**” is used when something is rarely done or just imagined.

Even So (aún así)

“**Even so**” is very much like the word “but” or “however.”

“**Even so**” is used with surprising or unexpected results.

Examples:

- She is ugly and unfriendly. **Even so,** I like her.
  (She is ugly and unfriendly, so I’m not expected to like her.)

**HOW TO Spot a “Both”**

- After a pronoun (I, you, he, she, we,) = “They **both** wanted to win…."
- Before an object pronoun. Both of + object pronoun (us, them, you)
  “Both of them wanted to win…”
- Before two adjectives in a row = “designed to be **BOTH** strong and light”

It seems amazing that toucans don’t fall on their faces, so enormous are the beaks on these colourful South American birds. One large species, the Toco toucan, has an orange-yellow beak which can be to nine inches long, about a third of the bird’s length but unlike its colourful exterior, the toucan's beak is ingeniously designed to be **both** strong and light and therefore extremely practical.

In the previous paragraph, we need to notice that after the gap we have two adjectives separated by the coordinating conjunction “and”. That is giving us a clue on the word that we need. When “**BOTH**” is placed before two adjectives, these are always separated by the conjunction “AND”.

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- After two proper nouns = John and Mary **both** want to go to Paris.
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Protzman and Rey-Barreau ______ suggest installing dimmers as well.

The previous paragraph gives us two proper nouns before the gap, which is followed by a verb. This is the clue that we need to know that, in this case, **BOTH** is the word that we have to write.

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### Linking Expressions with As ... As

We use **as** + adjective/adverb + **as** to make comparisons when the things we are comparing are equal in some way: The world’s biggest bull is **as big as** a small elephant.

However, there are also some expressions using 'as ... as' which have another meaning. When we want to make comparisons referring to quantity, we use **AS MUCH AS** and **AS LITTLE AS** with uncountable nouns and **AS MANY AS** and **AS FEW AS** with plural nouns:

**AS WELL AS** = **TOO, ALSO**

- **AS FAR AS** only makes logical sense if followed by a complementary phrase such as I know, that goes, or that’s concerned (as far as I know, As far as I’m concerned, as far as I can see...)

As **as** + possibility We often use expressions of possibility or ability after as ... as:

As you come **AS SOON AS** possible?

- **AS MANY** places **AS** you can.

- If we want to impose specific conditions or set limits on a situation, we use **AS LONG AS**.

  Example: You can play in the living room **AS LONG AS** you don’t make a mess.

As______ as 15 million people in the UK catch a cold each year. As______ as doctors are concerned, the best treatment for a cold is to keep warm and drink plenty of fluids. As______ as this, you should rest and make sure you keep eating properly. Some people claim that if you take vitamin C as______ as you start feeling ill, it will reduce your symptoms.

It is safe to exercise if you have a cold as______ as you are sensible and listen to your body. However, be careful when driving, as studies have shown that colds and flu can reduce driver concentration and reactions by as______ as 11%.

As **MANY** as 15 million people in the UK catch a cold each year. As **FAR** as doctors are concerned, the best treatment for a cold is to keep warm and drink plenty of fluids. As **WELL** as this, you should rest and make sure you keep eating properly. Some people claim that if you take vitamin C as **SOON** as you start feeling ill, it will reduce your symptoms.

It is safe to exercise if you have a cold as **LONG** as you are sensible and listen to your body. However, be careful when driving, as studies have shown that colds and flu can reduce driver concentration and reactions by as **MUCH** as 11%.

**AS______ AS + NOUN/PRONOUN/ DETERMINER = LONG /ADJECT/ WELL/MUCH**

Example : You can eat **as much as** you want.

**AS______ AS + NUMBER = MUCH / MANY / LITTLE / FEW**
Example: \textbf{As few as} 10% of patients have benefited from the treatment. 
\textbf{AS ______ AS} + \textbf{GERUND} = \textbf{WELL/MUCH} 
Examples: He broke the window, \textbf{as well as} destroying the wall. 
I enjoy going to that place almost \textbf{as much as} going to the gym 

\textbf{Notice} “\textbf{NOT JUST/ONLY}……..\textbf{BUT ALSO}…..” 
“\textbf{NOT JUST/ONLY}……..\textbf{BUT}……..\textbf{AS WELL}.” 

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be the lexicographer’s own knowledge. These days, teams make use of a large collections of examples of 
(20) .......................... only writing \textbf{but also} everyday speech, which is known as a corpus. 

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“\textbf{Not only} did he turn up late, \textbf{but he also} forgot his books.” 

The construction \textbf{not only}....\textbf{but (also)} is called a correlative conjunction. It used to present two related 
pieces of information. Both pieces of information are being presented by the writer as surprising or 
unexpected, with the second one being even more surprising than the first.: 

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Greece has great diversity and a range of places and landscapes that cannot be found together anywhere 
else. Here, you will find something of everything. It’s like having a miniature world. I would definitely 
recommend Greece for a holiday; \textbf{Not only is} the weather lovely, \textbf{but} its beaches are wonderful as....... 

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as \textbf{WELL}. 
WHICH vs THAT

These lights, _____ are mainly visible in the Arctic region, are caused when material from the sun reaches the Earth’s magnetic field.

(Non-essential clauses are introduced by which, whose, who, or whom, but you should never use THAT to introduce them.)

With over fifty diving centres in the area, many different types of diving are possible.

At centres for complete beginners there are training courses _______ include simple dives with a qualified instructor.

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With over fifty diving centres in the area, many different types of diving are possible.

At centres for complete beginners there are training courses THAT/WICH include simple dives with a qualified instructor.

Important clue: WHICH is usually preceded by a comma.

EXERCISE

READ THE TEXTS BELOW AND DECIDE WHICH PRONOUN (WHICH or THAT) BEST FITS EACH GAP AND COMPLETE THE TEXT BELOW.

There are many interesting books here, but the red one _____ is on the table belongs to Charles.

There are many interesting books here, but this one, _____ can be bought for a reasonable price, is available for purchase now.

Choice of Quantity Phrase Pronouns

. EACH OF WHICH vs EACH OF THEM

Thai food lies between Chinese and Indian cuisine, with influences from Burma, Cambodia and Malaysia, each of _____ has had an effect on Thailand at different stages of its history.
Each of which "which" functions as a modifier of what precedes it. In this case it modifies the countries Burma, Cambodia & Malaysia. So “each of which” usually comes after a comma.

Each of them – “them” functions as an object. It doesn’t modify anything. They can be separated into two individual clauses (using a semicolon or a full stop) as shown below:

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### SOME OF WHICH vs SOME OF THEM

(The same rules as above apply)

The paragraph is composed of sentences, some of _____ are nominal sentences, the others are verbal sentences.

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All of the following quantity Phrase Pronouns fall in the same category.

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### WHO vs WHOM

We use "who" when we are referring to the subject of a clause and "whom" when we are referring to the object of a clause. –

I like you
Subject verb object

**RULE 1:** Always use WHOM : after a preposition at the beginning of a sentence or clause, as in these examples:

• To whom did you send the email? (Not "to who")
• My geology professor, for whom I am collecting data, is in Iceland for two weeks.
(Not "for who")
Many knowledgeable persons in sales with ____ we have discussed this position agree that people do communicate their eagerness to buy by sitting on the edge of their seats.

Several persons _____ we have recorded on video tape have had this mannerism and, rather than nonverbally communicating that they wanted to interrupt, were signalling their nervousness and anxiety.

“We often pardon those ____ bore us, but never those ____ we bore.”

One of life’s most perplexing situations is confronting someone ____ we had thought was agreeable who is now belligerent.

Rocking or Swinging in Chair. An executive _____ we know rocks his chair either forward and backward or from side to side while talking on the telephone.

**RULE 2 :** Use **WHO** when you can replace it with a pronoun ( He, she, they ...)

Use **WHOM** when you can replace it with an object pronoun (him, her, them..)

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**AS vs LIKE**

The city is regularly picked by international travel associations one of the world’s best tourist destination. They are only confirming what the two million residents and eight million tourist visiting Greater Vancouver every single year are always saying : there is simply no other place on earth quite it.

**As** is **used to talk about job or function.**
I worked as a shop assistant for 2 years when I was a student.
He used his shoe as a hammer to hang the picture up.
In comparisons, the structure ‘as adjective as’ is often used.
He’s not as tall as his brother
She ran as fast as she could.
In the following comparisons as is a conjunction – it’s followed by a clause with a subject and a verb.
He went to Cambridge University, as his father had before him.
She’s a talented writer, as most of her family are.

**Like** is used to make a comparison between two or more things or people.
I’ve been working like a dog all afternoon.
None of my brothers are much like me.
She looks just like her mother.
The city is regularly picked by international travel associations *AS* one of the world’s best tourist
destination. They are only confirming what the two million residents and eight million tourist visiting
Greater Vancouver every single year are always saying: there is simply no other place on earth quite *LIKE* it.

**SPOT A L Y ENDING ADVERB**

*Let’s start by defining what an adverb is*: An adverb can be added to an adjective, verb, or other
adverb, expressing manner, place, time, or degree (e.g. gently, here, now, most, very) to modify its
meaning. Usually, an adverb tells you when, where, how, in what manner, or to what extent an action is
performed.

Many adverbs end in ly — particularly those that are used to express how an action is performed. (Really ,
especially, particularly, increasingly, exactly..)

Ten minutes come to an end – cue *EastEnders* closing music: dum…dum…dumdumdum…Okay, so yet
again not (14) a great use of my expensive training and broad medical knowledge, but I like the intrigue.

Learning to breathe correctly can dramatically improve your wellbeing and quality of life. Most people
think that poor breathing means that you don't get enough oxygen, but it’s (15) the carbon dioxide you're
missing out on.

Similarly to what is explained in point 9 about how to spot a no, when we come across a gap between
two words and notice that the sentence makes sense without adding any other word. In this case we will
probably need to add a ly ending adverb.

Again, it has to make sense and fit with the context coming from previous sentences.

The adverb/gap may be found in the following positions:

**After a pronoun**:

I really couldn’t eat any more food.
I bought *it* specifically to wear at the wedding.

**After a not**:

Yet again *not* exactly a great use of my…
I *didn’t* particularly want to go, but I had to

**After a verb**:

But it’s really the carbon dioxide
The journey *took* exactly three hours

**After a comma**:
HOW TO SPOT A CONDITIONAL

While we read the text, we need to notice when we are dealing with a sentence that contains a conditional or a hidden conditional. When we think about conditionals, the first thing that comes to mind is an IF clause. Example: If you heat ice, it melt. However, there will be times when we will have two sentences that show a clear contrast.

Example:

The period straight after qualifying is the single most important time in a nurse's career. (15) we welcome them into the profession then, we risk losing them forever."

The period straight after qualifying is the single most important time in a nurse's career. We need to welcome them into the profession , (16) we risk losing them forever."

Regular physical activity will mean you sleep better, (17) you don't do it too soon before going to bed – this can disrupt your sleep so leave about four hours.

In the paragraphs above we have to notice that we have two clauses, separated by a comma, that show a contrast. Therefore, we have to realize that we need to use a contrast link or a subordinate conjunctions such as otherwise , or , unless , provided , etc..

The period straight after qualifying is the single most important time in a nurse's career. (15) UNLESS we welcome them into the profession then, we risk losing them forever."

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Regular physical activity will mean you sleep better, (17) PROVIDED you don't do it too soon before going to bed – this can disrupt your sleep so leave about four hours.
**BUT vs ALTHOUGH**

The adverbial “although” means the same thing as “despite the fact that”. We use “although” at the beginning of a clause which contains information that contrasts in an unexpected or surprising way with information in another clause. For example:

**Although it was raining, we went for a walk.**

If it is raining, it is surprising that we went for a walk. The walk happened despite the rain. You can also feel that first it was raining, then we went for the walk. We cannot say this:

**Although we went for a walk, it was raining.**

If we went for a walk, it wasn’t surprising that it was raining. We probably already knew it was raining. The rain did not happen because of the walk. The rain was not an unexpected result of the walk.

Now let’s try but:

**It was raining, but we went for a walk.**

The coordinating conjunction “but” emphasizes the joining of two contrasting ideas. In the above sentence, you can feel that the two ideas contrast with each other. As a result, you can flip the sentence around.

**We went for a walk, but it was raining.**

You can add “but” to either of the clauses, but you can’t add “although” to either of the clauses. The coordinating conjunction “but” joins together two equally contrasting ideas. The adverbial “although” does not join together two equal ideas – one of the ideas is an unexpected result of the other clause.

The-,’OK’ meaning is common to all English-speaking countries and, (8)............its meaning is fast spreading across Europe and Asia, it has other origins and meanings in certain places.

I try to be like that in my martial arts, (6).......... in my movie career I can not be like that or I will get
lost in the crowd,” said Jean Claude.

**UT = TWO EQUALLY CONTRASTING IDEAS**  **ALTHOUGH = ONE IDEA IS AN UNEXPECTED RESULT OF THE OTHER CLAUSE.**

**PARALLEL STRUCTURE “AND” / “or”**

Parallel structure means using the same pattern of words to show that two or more ideas have the same level of importance. This can happen at the word, phrase, or clause level.

The usual way to join parallel structures is with the use of coordinating conjunctions such as "**AND**" or "**OR.**"

_____ AND _______

Yola’s award-winning Sitebuilder is fast, free, flexible and _____ it easy to create a professional-looking website without third-party advertisements!

ola’s award-winning Sitebuilder is fast, free, flexible and…
is = verb / fast, free, flexible= adjectives
o after **and** we need either a verb or an adjective
.. and **makes** it easy to create a professional-looking website without third-party…

makes = verb

ome people filed through its cavernous main hall to answer questions and_____ in the forms in
whatever halting English they possessed.
..to answer questions and… / answers = verb / questions = noun
o after **and** we need either a verb or a noun.

..to answer questions and fill in the forms in whatever halting English they possessed.
ill in = phrasal verb

_____ OR _______

ow maintenance doesn’t mean low energy. Cats are typically selected because, unlike dogs, they don’t have to be walked around in the neighbourhood or _____ outside, and can be left alone for hours at a time.

.. they don’t have to be walked or … / walked = verb / neighbourhood = noun
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you don’t socialize with your colleagues or _____ out with friends…

. socialize with your colleagues or _____ out with friends…
How to find non-parallel structures: Skim your paper, pausing at the words "and" and "or." Check on each side of these words to see whether the items joined are parallel. If not, make them parallel.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER, READ THE SENTENCE AFTER THE GAP.

Read the words following the gaps since they may have an effect on the answer.

Examples:

Let me introduce ______. My name is Mike Curley.

In the sentence after the gap someone called Mike Curley is introducing himself. Therefore, we can gather that the word we need to write in the gap is the reflexive pronoun “myself”.

Let me introduce __myself__. My name is Mike Curley.

My only relative, an uncle __________ two years ago, so I have no family.

The last part of the sentence, we learn that the character has no family. However, we have a contrast here since the first sentence talks about his sister. Therefore, we can conclude that something happened to his sister three years ago, and now he has no family. The logical conclusion is that his sister “died” three years ago.

My only relative, an uncle __died______ two years ago, so I have no family.

I am __________ very successful, but I earn enough money to take care of my needs.

In this sentence, we have the gap between the verb “be” and the adjective “successful”. The coordinating conjunction “but” tells us that there is a contrast between the first and the second sentence. The logical conclusion is, therefore, that we need to negate the verb “be”, by using the verb “not”, as below:

I am __not______ very successful, but I earn enough money to take care of my needs.

Very ______ visitors go there, so there are no crowds.

His sentence start with the adverb of degree “very”. As we know adverbs of degree are placed before
jectives, other adverbs, main verbs, or quantifiers. After the gap, we have the noun “visitors”, and the subsequent sentence tells us that “there are no crowds”. We have “Very _____ visitors = no crowds”. Therefore, the logical conclusion is that we need to use the quantifier “few”, which can be used with countable nouns, such as visitor.

\[ \text{Very few visitors go there, so there are no crowds.} \]

### PARTS OF SPEECH

**Verb**: Action or state
(to) be, have, do, like, work, sing, can, must

EnglishClub is a website. I like EnglishClub.

**Noun**: Thing or person.

Pen, dog, work, music, town, London, teacher, John

This is my dog. He lives in my house. We live in London.

**Adjective**: Describes a noun.

A/an, the, 2, some, good, big, red, well, interesting

I have two dogs. My dogs are big. I like big dogs.

**Adverb**: Describes a verb, adjective or adverb

quickly, silently, well, badly, very, really

My dog eats quickly. When he is very hungry, he eats really quickly.

**Pronoun**: Replaces a noun.

I, you, he, she, some. Tara is Indian. She is beautiful.

**Preposition**: Links a noun to another word.

To, at, after, on, but, etc. We went to school on Monday.

**Conjunction**: Joins clauses or sentences or words.

And, but, when, if, etc. I like dogs and I like cats. I like cats and dogs. I like dogs but I don't like cats.

**Interjection**: Short exclamation, sometimes inserted into a sentence.

Oh!, ouch!, hi!, well. Ouch! That hurts! Hi! How are you? Well, I don't
DETERMINERS

This, The, That, These, Those, Which, Whose...

Determiners are the words that come before the **noun**. They are used both to refer to and to quantify nouns.

**REFFERING TO NOUNS:**
We use determiners to refer to what or who the noun is talking about.
In order to do this, we usually use: Articles, possessives and demonstratives.

**ARTICLES** – They define a noun as specific or unspecific.
Definite (The), Indefinite (A), Negative (No)

**POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS** - They replace a noun and another word.
Some are used alone; some describe a noun.
Used alone: MINE, YOURS, HIS, HERS, OURS, THEIRS, WHOSE
Describe a noun: MY, YOUR, HIS, HER, ITS, OUR, THEIR, WHOSE

**POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS WITH GERUNDS**
Do you mind my smoking?

**DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS** – They replace nouns that have been already mentioned.

- THIS, THAT, THESE, AND THOSE.

**QUANTIFYING NOUNS**:
Quantifying means showing how much or how many of something there is.

- Uncountable nouns
- Countable nouns
- Both
- Graded quantifiers

- Much, Many, plenty of
- More/Most
- Little, Few, a lot of
- less/least
- Amount of, A few
- all, fewer/fewest
- Quantity of, A (adj) number of
- enough
- A bit of, Several
- more/most
- A majority
- lots of
- Every, no, none
- not any
- some
- any
BEFORE A NOUN

Prepositions
He came with friends ... / What to say to children ... I know a lot about tennis.
This is a different kind of problem , A kilo of apples , You are among friends,

Quantifiers
He came with many people , He has few enemies , Some friends of his...

Graded quantifiers
He came with more friends than.../ Fewer people want to.../ He has less time than...

Demonstrative pronouns
These cars are... / Those people are ...This boy is..., That girl has...

Possessive pronouns
My mother is French / Your car is beautiful / His friends are nice.

Articles
The children of... / A child ... An apple.

Adjectives
An intelligent boy / A strong company / A tall person.

Numbers
Twelve children came to the party.

Subordinating conjunctions
Although children like ... / This can happen when children...

Verbs
Is John coming over today? / He wants to learn to play tennis / She loves singing

Coordinating conjunctions
She loves singing and dancing / He loves all sports , but football is his favourite.
I want either chicken or turkey. / Both women and men like...

AFTER A NOUN

Coordinating conjunctions
John and Susan are going out together. / I want either chicken or turkey.

Verbs
The children want to go but... / My father ran downhill... / The doctor said...

Modal verbs
The team should win today / The competition can be tough / That box may be heavy

Linking verbs
His name is Jimmy / His father is the headmaster / The soups smells good
The situation became unbearable / My sister has been sick /

Auxiliary verbs (helping verbs)
The patient was sleeping / The movie had finished when... / The bank has been robbed

Subordinating conjunctions
Although children like ... / ...can happen when children...

Relative pronouns
He is one of those people who like... / The parcel that/which arrived this morning...

Adverbs
His wife never said that... / This team nearly always wins

Comparative adjective
A person smarter than him... / A car more expensive than... /...ways to make studying less stressful.

Prepositions
They can have problem of a different kind / he has no interest in getting ...
Changes in society have meant ... / These are examples of... / The reason for...
What you should know when choosing your domain.

Before you rush out and choose your domain name or name ____ website, you might want to consider the following points.

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**BEFORE A VERB**

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AFTER A VERB

Preposition
He is in a meeting at the moment. / I arrived in Madrid last. / She applied for a job in...
Adjectives She is interesting. / That car is expensive. / Their house has big windows.
Articles The mechanic fixed the car. / I found a coin on the ground. / I had her send an email to...

Personal pronouns (object) / Common nouns:
I had her send an email to... / I told them that... / He wanted me to... / I don't have time.

No/Not
He has no time to... / There seemed no reason... / They have not taken part in...

Adverbs
I have particularly enjoyed... / He ran very slowly. / It has become increasingly clear that...

Subordinating conjunctions:
The movie had finished when... / They behaved as if nothing had happened.

Relative Pronouns (relative clause):
...anyone could tell that he was... / I suggested that they should... / I accept that there is...

Personal pronouns (subject) -Omitted Relative Pronouns
...anyone could tell he was... / I suggested they should start... / I accept there is...

Quantifiers:
He knew more than anyone... / His car is more expensive than... / He studied less than...
Comparative adjective She is smarter than him... / Their house has smaller... / He runs faster than...

Coordinating conjunctions: The watch can be stopped and started... / I neither know nor want to know.

Gerunds:
I tried phoning him but... / I prefer going to... / She loves swimming. / She quitted working there.

Past participles: The book was written by... / it has been done to... / ...will have been finished...

THINK OF THE WORD WHICH FITS BEST
BEFORE AND/OR AFTER THE VERBS AND COMPLETE THE TEXT BELOW.

Importance of Quality website design for your business

Only your custom web design characterizes ____ company. No one knows your business better than ____ do. You know the flavour of the appearance you want to convey ____ your customers.

By having a quality website, it is actually convenient ____ both you and your prospective client. You don't have to keep ____ the phone, and they don't have to call you during hours that are inconvenient for them just to inquire ____ your services. From their location, we can get business inquiries and information can ____ achieved through your site anytime. Web designers are equipped ____ the right knowledge and expertise. They can help ____ building and implementing online marketing strategies to suit ____ needs.

Internet marketing is one of the best advertising tools. It has gained a ____ of significance in the last few years. Earlier, online marketing was a secondary advertising strategy. However, it has ____ become an
Website designers can help you boost online sales through different techniques. There is a wide range of services like website development, SEO services, web copywriting, web hosting, search engine marketing, email marketing, affiliate marketing, and much more.

Choosing from the variety of website designers, you need check out their portfolio. A good web design layout must consider different browsers.

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Subordinating conjunctions: I can't help you unless… / He says he doesn't like it when he has never.

Quantifiers: You won't find anyone more interesting than… / The paid him less money for…

Gerunds: I do not mind your opening the window / Don't leave me waiting here.

Nouns: These girls want to… / Those people have … / That house belongs to…

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BEFORE AND/OR AFTER THE PRONOUNS AND COMPLETE
THE TEXT BELOW.

Classic Solitaire Diamonds Engagement Rings.

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BEFORE AN ADJECTIVE

Verbs:
The speech was interesting. / He is tall and handsome. / They hotel has beautiful views.

Comparative adjective / quantifiers: She is smarter than him... / He runs faster than you... / He is more intelligent than... / He is less effective than... / His most difficult customers.

Subordinating conjunctions:
When young people are... / If wealthy taxpayers want to... / Provided drastic measures are...

Pronouns:
These beautiful sceneries are... / That tall guy lives... / this Spanish guitar is... / You don’t know what difficult means.

Not
She is not beautiful. / They are not nice. / That house is not expensive.

Adverbs:
He is very tall / He was so rich... / The problem was extremely difficult. / It is a rather good book

Coordinating conjunctions:
This is difficult but interesting / He is both tall and handsome.

Subordinating conjunctions:
He doesn’t like it when young people... / Unless successful people...

Determiner:
She has such winning ways. / They are such nice people...

Exclamations:
What dreadful weather...

Articles:
A fast car. / An interesting approach to... / The big house was...

Prepositions:
He paid for these books / The jacket of this man / limited herself to pleasant...

Adjectives (paired):
I have a small blue car. / There was a handsome tall man.

AFTER AN ADJECTIVE

Nouns:
John is a clever man / That is an interesting question / It was a hard game. /

Preposition:
...the most interesting of all / She was nice to us. / ...the less intelligent among us cannot...

No/Not
and most intelligent, not to mention handsome... / It was helpful not only to users who...

Verbs / Auxiliary verbs / Modal verbs
The most successful was awarded... / a German can... / The least beautiful should...

Adverbs
It's very hard, especially for children... / is very relaxing, particularly when... / as good as you...

Coordinating conjunctions:
This is easy and effective / ...can be either cheap or good...

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Articles:
I have never seen so beautiful a girl./ ... not so great an option./ I have as good a car as you.

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Nouns as adjectives:
History teacher / Ticket office / Race horse / Horse race / Love story / Car dealer

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**BEFORE AN ADVERB**

**Nouns:** He uses his knowledge personally as well as…/ …grow his skills professionally…

**Verbs:** He drove slowly. / He was late for work. / My life changed dramatically when…

**Adjectives:** I was afraid sometimes. / …economic recovery is not strong enough…

**Articles:** He drove a very fast car /

**Adverbs:** She walked quite slowly. / Increasingly, there is pressure… / Interestingly enough, he…

**Quantifiers:** . Could you speak a bit more slowly?/ Jimmy learns more quickly than…

**Pronouns:** I don’t want to do it now / I particularly enjoyed the/ He completely rejected his… / I only answer

**Subordinating conjunctions:** They were sleeping when suddenly…/ He acted as if, today he didn’t …/ is necessary because soon enough…

**Coordinating conjunctions:** …difficult and extremely painful at times,/ but interestingly there are a number of…/

**Prepositions:** A group of increasingly influential …/…in almost every company…/

**Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs:**
I will probably see you there./ He has probably finished by now / What could possibly go wrong?

**Sales are gradually starting to …/. They should firstly ask themselves… / …has never been …

**Not:** did not fully understand…/.. were not seriously injured./ I could not possibly go..

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**AFTER AN ADVERB**

**Noun:**
Quietly, Ross has hidden the biscuits / Increasingly, people are retiring younger.

**Verb (past participle):**
Ross has quietly hidden the biscuits / he had cleverly hidden the…

**Pronoun:**
Admittedly I could have…/ but ultimately only he has responsibility…/ did absolutely nothing.

**Preposition:**
Some of these are natural…/ Many of them want to…/ They advised me against going…

**No/Not** He told him not to …/ They recommended that I not undergo… I no longer remember…

**Verbs/ Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs**
He probably has the best chance… He especially likes bananas. I particularly like action movies. I nearly lost my voice. He probably should have come…

Adjectives:
We are never afraid. We were always willing to… His books are often interesting.

It is becoming increasingly hard to… Her job has become increasingly difficult.

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You can play a song either slowly or quickly

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Quantifiers:
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Gerunds / Past participles:
The economy is slowly opening up. He is probably waiting there.

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Four reasons to drink more H20

We all know water is good for us and that we _______ probably drink more of it. So why, then, do Americans find _____ so difficult to sip from what is arguably _____ fountain of youth?

Answers vary enormously, _____ the fact is, one in 10 Americans drinks zero cups of water per day, according to a study by Dr. Alyson Goodman, a medical epidemiologist for the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Zero. She suspects that those who do _____ frequently drink any water (or very ____) are getting it from other sources such as food and coffee, but warns this may not be enough.

“Many health risks decrease considerably _____ you drink plain water,” says Goodman. Which is why, she says, the results are “mindboggling.”

Robert Eakle, CEO of Alkame Water, agrees completely. “Without water, _______ no living thing can survive,” he says. “_____ definitely affects every area of our life and is an essential part to maintaining proper health.”

However, not all waters are created equal. Enhanced waters, like Alkame Water, provide the body with more health benefits than regular water. Just take a look at how it can help:

- It balances body fluids. Your body is composed of about 60 percent water and performs vital functions such as protecting your organs and tissues, regulating your body temperature and carrying nutrients and oxygen to your cells—essentially it keeps your body running like a well-oiled machine.
- It keeps skin looking healthy. Water moisturizes your skin and functions as a protective barrier _____ effectively prevent excess fluid loss (think free anti-aging cream). In addition, it can keep your skin fresh and smooth.
- It boosts the immune system. Including water in your diet _____ often give your immune system a boost through added antioxidants, _______ considerably aerobic capacity, enhance energy levels and through a patented technology that alters the molecular structure of water, hydrate your body more fully.
• It can help control calories. While drinking water rarely a weight-loss strategy, per se, substituting it for higher-calorie or sugar-filled beverages can help by removing by products of fat, and acting as a natural appetite suppressant that can raise considerably metabolism.
Workers say a good cup of coffee can make entire workday better

Five words or less (NewsUSA) – If you want to make your workday a bit better, just _____ to coffee. That’s according to a survey where coffee was identified as key to securing ____ of offices’ best business deals, improving networking and giving office workers a feeling of _____ at their best. In fact, the recent survey conducted by Harris Poll and Keurig Green Mountain showed ____ of the 843 adults who were interviewed (presumably around ____ coffee machine), 89 percent said a good ____ of coffee makes their entire workday even better.

“Clearly, coffee plays an important role in ____ society and means so much more than just taking a ____ from work,” says Nicole Williams, Career Expert and founder of WORKS. “It has become a ____ of bringing individuals together, for colleagues to brainstorm or collaborate, to interact with your boss in ____ more casual way or even spark one’s own creativity.”

Without _____ daily cup, coffee drinkers can feel a _____ of emotions — exhausted (36 percent), irritable (35 percent), unproductive (30 percent), disorganized (20 percent) or forgetful (14 percent). The data only re-enforced Keurig’s take that coffee has a variety of surprising social and professional benefits, which is why the company took on a new challenge — to brew a better carafe of _____, faster. With its new BOLT System, Keurig believes it has changed the way coffee is brewed in ____ workplace.

The company challenged its engineers to come ___ with something nearly everyone in ____ office will appreciate — a system that brews a better pot of coffee with ____ mess in two minutes. What came of the collaboration between ____ mechanical and electrical engineers and software team was a system that could brew 64 ounces of delicious fresh coffee, faster than ____ before — which may be a huge boon for office workers’ productivity.

“The next time you plan a big meeting, go one step _____ by making a large carafe for everyone in the room,” says Williams. “Almost half of office workers who drink coffee agree that coffee has been the _____ to making some of their office’s best business deals happen. The more time and effort you _____ into planning a great meeting, the better your team will appreciate you and the task at hand.”

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BEFORE A CONJUNCTION

Nouns: the car and the bike… / …on Monday or Tuesday… / I love my sister but…
Verbs: I can’t swim or dance… / I will go if you… / This is where he lives.
Pronouns: …for you where you are going… / I didn’t call him since it was very late…
Adverbs: …about to sit down when… / can wait outside provided that… / walk slowly even when
Adjectives: I was afraid but I did it anyway… He got angry after they…
Quantifiers: …invest more rather than less / I don’t drink much although…
Prepositions: …I will do it with or without you / …on either this or the other…
Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs: I will either tell him tomorrow or…
Not: .. don’t know whether that is the case or not but… / …is not because…
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**How to Secure Income for Retirement**

Ten thousand Americans a day are turning 65, including a couple we’ll call Stu and Helen. In excellent health, Stu and Helen could be facing a retirement of 30 years — or even longer. One of their biggest fears about their impending retirement is their potential longevity — and ______ out of money to not only pay their _____, but enjoy their free time.

Stu and Helen participated in their companies’ 401(k) plans. Like many workers, neither has a traditional pension, so _____ are solely responsible for their own retirement security.

Fortunately, couples like Stu and Helen have options for creating a “personal pension.” Since _____ using some of their savings to purchase an annuity, they can guarantee a steady stream of income for life.

They can make a lump-sum payment to a life insurance company, provided that___ have an immediate annuity, and _____ the company will send them their choice of monthly, quarterly or annual payments. They can choose to receive the income payments over a specified number of years or _____ a guaranteed stream of income they can never outlive.

They could also consider purchasing a deferred annuity, which allows savings to grow tax-deferred during an accumulation phase until _____ decide when payouts begin. People who are years away from retirement — or _____ are retired but don’t need income right away — might choose this type of annuity.

Another option is a special type of deferred annuity, often called longevity insurance, which will provide them with a guaranteed stream of income once _____ reach a certain age, usually around 85.

Surveys show that 90 percent of annuity owners think annuities are an effective way to save for retirement. And annuities are among the most regulated financial products in the marketplace. From product development to advertising to sales, life insurers must comply with state and federal laws and _____ that help prevent fraud and ______ consumers. In addition, most states provide a “free look” period allowing customers to return annuities to the insurance company for a _____ or partial refund.

Planning for retirement can be stressful. But for retirees like Stu and Helen, the guaranteed income from annuities can provide peace-of-

After A Conjunction

Noun: I’m Italian but people think that... / We don’t eat meat or fish.

Articles: The car and the bike, A girl or a boy, / Preparing for an exam.

Pronoun: Since you can’t go, I will... / I saw him as he was passing by.

Adverbs: Remove the pan from the heat and slowly... / could be today or tomorrow.

Verbs: I can’t swim or dance... / close your eyes and think...

Preposition: ...since inside the house was warm, we decided...

No/Not: He wanted to do it, but not today... / She was sick, and no doctor could help her.

Auxiliary verbs / Modal verbs: ...and will probably have finished by tomorrow, / their discussion, or should we say, argument.

Adjectives: You don’t have to be very intelligent or knowledgeable. / Messi makes rivals insecure and afraid.

Quantifiers: It can be more or less interesting... / Those with serious injuries, but enough strength to..
PREPOSITIONAL VERBS / PREPOSITIONS AFTER NOUNS

How to Use Persuasion to Sell Anything

By Michael Lee, Author of How To Be An Expert Persuader

In this article, I'm going to reveal proven persuasion techniques that you can use when you feel that the other party might not agree or comply your request. One of the best uses these methods is in selling.

An essential advice selling is to give people what they want or a solution their problem. How can you determine people's likes or problems? The answer: Watch out for words that reveal them, such as "want", "wish", "like", "need", "help", "hope", "hate", "dislike", "problem", "confused", etc.

Examples:
"I need to manage my time better." (You could recommend a time management book or course on the internet and get commission as an affiliate.) "I want to solve this problem my wife." (You could find a relationships coach and get a percentage the profits.)

Now this isn't taking advantage other people's problems. This is a win-win situation because you get help them but at the same time make money.

If you still can't find out their problems, passions or wishes, you may ask questions such as:
"What do you want most out of life?"
"What types of situations do you treat as problems?"
"What do you wish to accomplish in the next few months?"
"Is there anything I can do to help you get what you want?"

Make sure you're not offending anyone. Since you don't know if a certain subject might offend the other party, it helps to ask questions like "What do you think...?" or "What's your opinion...?"

Now once you know more their desires or problems, you can use a persuasion technique named "consistency recall" to get them to accept your suggestion.

People want to be consistent their statements. If they act in a way that is incompatible what they said, they will feel uneasy and might even feel that they're not worthy be trusted. Use this powerful method to your advantage.

You can say, "If I remember correctly, you shared me and the group that you want to resolve a serious problem with your wife. I know someone who can finally solve your problem. Would you like to give it a try?"
It’s tough to reject a proposal like this because non-acceptance would mean being inconsistent with their words.

Try to have other people listen along to your conversation with your "prospect." The more people who hear what he says, the more he will strive to be consistent with his words.

PHRASAL PREPOSITIONAL VERBS PHRASAL VERBS

Grandparents, Keep Your Meds Up and Away From Young Children

As you grow older, being physically active is one of the most important things you can do to stay healthy. Whether you’re well into your golden years, a baby boomer or younger, studies show regular exercise can bring the risk of heart disease, some cancers, diabetes and dementia. It also helps improve your mood, keep your energy levels and overall well-being.

“The great thing is, no matter what your age, size or fitness level, it’s never too late to start out,” said Jaza Marina, M.D., a Kaiser Permanente physician who specializes in elder care. “We strongly recommend seniors do exercises that build strength, balance and flexibility. Our goal is to reduce their risk of falls and injuries, so they can stay healthy and independent.”

Dr. Marina advises that good ways to exercise include low-impact aerobic activity, swimming, tai chi and yoga if you’re physically able. You just need to figure which one is the right one for you. People look to 80-year-olds who run 5k or 10k races. But, everyone is different, so pick an exercise that you enjoy.”

She believes walking is probably the easiest exercise. It all down to exercising 30 minutes a day, five times a week. If that’s too much, you can break that — 10 minutes in the morning, 10 in the afternoon, and 10 in the evening. Some seniors walk at their local indoor shopping mall.

“The important thing is to get the recliner, off the T.V, keep from it, and get active,” said Dr. Marina. Below are four basic exercises to get you started.

1. Knee bends. Holding on a sturdy chair or counter at your side, keep your back straight, feet on the ground and gently bend your knees and lower your body. Then, raise your body back up. It’s a slight squat but not a deep one. Repeat 10-15 times.

2. Heel raises. Holding on to a chair or counter at your side, raise up on toes slowly and then lower the heels to the ground slowly. Heel raises strengthen the calf muscles. Repeat 10-15 times.

3. Side leg raises. Holding on to a chair or counter at your side, raise one leg out to the side and bring it back. Repeat 10-15 times and switch to other leg.

4. Sit to stand. If you’re able — sit in a chair and rise to a standing position with arms stretched in front of you. Make sure the chair is in a stable position or against a wall so it won’t fall over. Sit down and repeat 10 times.
Kaiser Permanente offers exercise classes at several of its medical facilities. To find classes in your area and for further information about these exercises, visit kp.org. Also, talk with your physician before starting a new exercise routine.

SET PHRASES & IDIOMS

How to Use Hot Trends and Passions to Persuade People

When it ______ to influencing people, you just need to know a few basic things.
It's easy to influence people if you know how to apply the psychology of persuasion.
In this article, I'll show you some instant persuasion strategies to persuade prospects to become buyers – making ______ use of current trends and their passions.

Ready to use the power and psychology of persuasion to sell more products and get what you want from others? Read on...

Instant Persuasion Using Trends
If you can associate your product with the hottest trend, then you're, beyond a _____ of a doubt, bound to achieve great success, and that’s something you should _____ in mind.

When a well-known international Olympic event ______ place, you will notice sponsors associating their product with the occasion. You will see them paying handsomely to have the right to _____ from the rooftops that their product is the "official shoes" or "official drink" of that Olympic event.

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What you should know when choosing your domain.

Before you rush out and choose your domain name for your website, you might want to consider the following points.

Your domain name is the centre of your Internet identity.

What thing should you take into consideration when choosing the domain name that will represent you on the Web?

DOMAINS WORLD offers these handy tips:

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Is your domain name unique? The trickiest part of choosing a domain name is ensuring that it bears no striking or passing similarity to another domain name, especially a trademarked one.

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Importance of Quality website design for your business

Only your custom web design characterizes your company. No one knows your business better than you do. You know the flavour of the appearance you want to convey to your customers.

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ADVERBS – ANSWER KEY

Four reasons to drink more H2O

We all know water is good for us and that we should probably drink more of it. So why, then, do Americans find it so difficult to sip from what is arguably the fountain of youth?

Answers vary enormously, but the fact is, one in 10 Americans drinks zero cups of water per day, according to a study by Dr. Alyson Goodman, a medical epidemiologist for the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Zero. She suspects that those who don’t frequently drink any water (or very little) are getting it from other sources such as food and coffee, but warns this may not be enough.

“Many health risks decrease considerably when you drink plain water,” says Goodman. Which is why, she says, the results are “mindboggling.”

Robert Eakle, CEO of Alkame Water, agrees completely. “Without water, absolutely no living thing can survive,” he says. “It definitely affects every area of our life and is an essential part to maintaining proper health.”

However, not all waters are created equal. Enhanced waters, like Alkame Water, provide the body with more health benefits than regular water. Just take a look at how it can help:

- It balances body fluids. Your body is composed of about 60 percent water and performs vital functions such as protecting your organs and tissues, regulating your body temperature and carrying nutrients and oxygen to your cells—essentially it keeps your body running like a well-oiled machine.
- It keeps skin looking healthy. Water moisturizes your skin and functions as a protective barrier to effectively prevent excess fluid loss (think free anti-aging cream). In addition, it can keep your skin fresh and smooth.
- It boosts the immune system. Including water in your diet can often give your immune system a boost through added antioxidants, improve considerably aerobic capacity, enhance energy levels and through a patented technology that alters the molecular structure of water, hydrate your body more fully.
- It can help control calories. While drinking water may not be a weight-loss strategy, per se, substituting it for higher-calorie or sugar-filled beverages can help by removing by products of fat, and acting as a natural appetite suppressant that can raise considerably your metabolism.
Workers say a good cup of coffee can make entire workday better

Five words or less (NewsUSA) – If you want to make your workday a bit better, just turn to coffee. That’s according to a survey where coffee was identified as key to securing some of offices’ best business deals, improving networking and giving office workers a feeling of being at their best.

In fact, the recent survey conducted by Harris Poll and Keurig Green Mountain showed that of the 843 adults who were interviewed (presumably around the coffee machine), 89 percent said a good cup of coffee makes their entire workday even better.

“Clearly, coffee plays an important role in our society and means so much more than just taking a break from work,” says Nicole Williams, Career Expert and founder of WORKS. “It has become a way of bringing individuals together, for colleagues to brainstorm or collaborate, to interact with your boss in a more casual way or even spark one’s own creativity.”

Without their daily cup, coffee drinkers can feel a range of negative emotions — exhausted (36 percent), irritable (35 percent), unproductive (30 percent), disorganized (20 percent) or forgetful (14 percent). The data only re-enforced Keurig’s take that coffee has a variety of surprising social and professional benefits, which is why the company took on a new challenge — to brew a better carafe of coffee, faster. With its new BOLT System, Keurig believes it has changed the way coffee is brewed in the workplace.

The company challenged its engineers to come up with something nearly everyone in the office will appreciate — a system that brews a better pot of coffee with no mess in two minutes. What came of the collaboration between the mechanical and electrical engineers and software team was a system that could brew 64 ounces of delicious fresh coffee, faster than ever before — which may be a huge boon for office workers’ productivity.

“The next time you plan a big meeting, go one step further by making a large carafe for everyone in the room,” says Williams. “Almost half of office workers who drink coffee agree that coffee has been the key to making some of their office’s best business deals happen. The more time and effort you put into planning a great meeting, the better your team will appreciate you and the task at hand.”

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How to Secure Income for Retirement

Ten thousand Americans a day are turning 65, including a couple we’ll call Stu and Helen. In excellent health, Stu and Helen could be facing a retirement of 30 years — or even longer. One of their biggest fears about their impending retirement is their potential longevity — and running out of money to not only pay their bills, but enjoy their free time.

Stu and Helen participated in their companies’ 401(k) plans. Like many workers, neither has a traditional pension, so they are solely responsible for their own retirement security.

Fortunately, couples like Stu and Helen have options for creating a “personal pension.” Since by using
some of their savings to purchase an annuity, they can guarantee a steady stream of income for life. They can make a lump-sum payment to a life insurance company, provided that they have an immediate annuity, and then the company will send them their choice of monthly, quarterly or annual payments. They can choose to receive the income payments over a specified number of years or as a guaranteed stream of income they can never outlive.

They could also consider purchasing a deferred annuity, which allows savings to grow tax-deferred during an accumulation phase until they decide when payouts begin. People who are years away from retirement — or who are retired but don’t need income right away — might choose this type of annuity.

Another option is a special type of deferred annuity, often called longevity insurance, which will provide them with a guaranteed stream of income once they reach a certain age, usually around 85. Surveys show that 90 percent of annuity owners think annuities are an effective way to save for retirement. And annuities are among the most regulated financial products in the marketplace. From product development to advertising to sales, life insurers must comply with state and federal laws and rules that help prevent fraud and protect consumers. In addition, most states provide a “free look” period allowing customers to return annuities to the insurance company for a full or partial refund.

Planning for retirement can be stressful. But for retirees like Stu and Helen, the guaranteed income from annuities can provide peace-of-mind for a lifetime.

PREPOSITIONAL VERBS / PREPOSITIONS AFTER NOUNS

ANSWER KEY

How to Use Persuasion to Sell Anything

By Michael Lee, Author of How To Be An Expert Persuader

In this article, I'm going to reveal proven persuasion techniques that you can use when you feel that the other party might not agree or comply with your request. One of the best uses of these methods is in selling.

An essential advice in selling is to give people what they want or a solution to their problem. How can you determine people's likes or problems? The answer: Watch out for words that reveal them, such as "want", "wish", "like", "need", "help", "hope", "hate", "dislike", "problem", "confused", etc.

Examples:
"I need to manage my time better." (You could recommend a time management book or course on the internet and get commission as an affiliate.) "I want to solve this problem"
with my wife." (You could find a relationships coach and get a percentage of the profits.)

Now this isn't taking advantage of other people's problems. This is a win-win situation because you get to help them but at the same time make money.

If you still can't find out their problems, passions or wishes, you may ask questions such as:

"What do you want most out of life?"

"What types of situations do you treat as problems?"

"What do you wish to accomplish in the next few months?"

"Is there anything I can do to help you get what you want?"

Make sure you're not offending anyone. Since you don't know if a certain subject might offend the other party, it helps to ask questions like "What do you think about...?" or "What's your opinion on...?"

Now once you know more about their desires or problems, you can use a persuasion technique named "consistency recall" to get them to accept your suggestion.

People want to be consistent with their statements. If they act in a way that is incompatible with what they said, they will feel uneasy and might even feel that they're not worthy to be trusted. Use this powerful method to your advantage.

You can say, "If I remember correctly, you shared with me and the group that you want to resolve a serious problem with your wife. I know someone who can finally solve your problem. Would you like to give it a try?"

It's tough to reject a proposal like this because non-acceptance would mean being inconsistent with their words.

Try to have other people listen along to your conversation with your "prospect." The more people who hears what he says, the more he will strive to be consistent with his words.

PHRASAL PREPOSITIONAL VERBS / PHRASAL VERBS
ANSWER KEY

Grandparents, Keep Your Meds Up and Away From Young Children

As you grow older, being physically active is one of the most important things you can do to stay healthy. Whether you’re well into your golden years, a baby boomer or younger, studies show regular exercise can bring down the risk of heart disease, some cancers, diabetes and dementia. It also helps improve your mood, keep up your energy levels and overall well-being.

“The great thing is, no matter what your age, size or fitness level, it’s never too late to start working out,”
said Jaza Marina, M.D., a Kaiser Permanente physician who specializes in elder care. “We strongly recommend seniors do exercises that build up strength, balance and flexibility. Our goal is to reduce their risk of falls and injuries, so they can stay healthy and independent.”

Dr. Marina advises that good ways to exercise include low-impact aerobic activity, swimming, tai chi and yoga if you’re physically able. You just need to figure out which one is the right one for you. People look up to 80-year-olds who run 5k or 10k races. But, everyone is different, so pick an exercise that you enjoy.”

She believes walking is probably the easiest exercise. It all boils down to exercising 30 minutes a day, five times a week. If that’s too much, you can break that up — 10 minutes in the morning, 10 in the afternoon, and 10 in the evening. Some seniors walk at their local indoor shopping mall.

“The important thing is to get off the recliner, turn off the T.V., keep away from it, and get active,” said Dr. Marina. Below are four basic exercises to get you started.

1. Knee bends. Holding on to a sturdy chair or counter at your side, keep your back straight, feet on the ground and gently bend your knees and lower your body. Then, raise your body back up. It’s a slight squat but not a deep one. Repeat 10-15 times.

2. Heel raises. Holding on to a chair or counter at your side, raise up on toes slowly and then lower the heels to the ground slowly. Heel raises strengthen the calf muscles. Repeat 10-15 times.

3. Side leg raises. Holding on to a chair or counter at your side, raise one leg out to the side and bring it back down. Repeat 10-15 times and switch to other leg.

4. Sit to stand. If you’re able — sit in a chair and rise to a standing position with arms stretched in front of you. Make sure the chair is in a stable position or against a wall so it won’t fall over. Sit back down and repeat 10 times.

Kaiser Permanente offers exercise classes at several of its medical facilities. To find classes in your area and for further information about these exercises, visit kp.org. Also, talk with your physician before starting a new exercise routine.

SET PHRASES & IDIOMS
ANSWER KEY

How to Use Hot Trends and Passions to Persuade People

When it comes to influencing people, you just need to know a few basic things. It's easy to influence people if you know how to apply the psychology of persuasion. In this article, I'll show you some instant persuasion strategies to persuade prospects to become buyers – making good use of current trends and their passions.

Ready to use the power and psychology of persuasion to sell more products and get what
you want from others? Read on...

**Instant Persuasion Using Trends**

If you can associate your product with the hottest trend, then you're **beyond a shadow of a doubt** bound to achieve great success, and that's something you **should keep in mind**.

When a well-known international Olympic event **takes place**, you will notice sponsors associating their product with the occasion. You will see them paying handsomely to have the right to **shout from the rooftops** that their product is the "official shoes" or "official drink" of that Olympic event.

This psychology of persuasion is effective because of the law of association. You can **take advantage of** it by associating your product with something that's currently hot or in-demand.

You don't have to **pay through the nose** to associate yourself with the trends though. You can simply put information about the trend in your sales message that associates it with the product. For example, you can say something like: "If Mr. ABC mentors you, you're **on your way towards becoming** the Harry Potter of life coaching."

Associate yourself, your company, your product or service with the current hottest trends. Some websites will notify you when new trends or stories emerge.

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**GRAMMAR**

1. **Prepositions**:
   aboard, about, above, across, after, against, along, amid, among, anti, around, as, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, besides, between, beyond, but, by, concerning, considering, despite, down, during, except, excluding, following, for, from, in, inside, into, like, minus, near of, off, on, onto, opposite, outside, over, past, per, plus, regarding, round, save, since, than, through, to, toward, towards, under, underneath, unlike, until, up, upon, versus, via, with, within, without...

2. **Personal pronouns (subject)**:
   I, you, he, she, it, we, they, what, who.

3. **Personal pronouns (object)**:
   me, him, her, it, us, you, them, whom.

4. **Possessive Pronouns**:
   mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs.
5. **Demonstrative Pronouns**: this, that, these, those.

1. **Interrogative Pronouns**: who, whom, which, what, whose, whoever, whatever, whichever, whomever.

2. **Relative Pronouns**: who, whom, whose, which, that, what, whatever, whoever, whomever, whichever.

3. **Reflexive Pronouns**: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves.

4. **Intensive Pronouns**: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves.

5. **Reciprocal Pronouns**: Each other, one another.

6. **Indefinite Pronouns**: (this is not a complete list)
   - Singular: Anybody, Anyone, Anything, Each, Either, Everybody, Everyone, Everything, Neither, Nobody, No one, Nothing, One, Somebody, Someone, Something, Anytime, Anywhere, Every time, Everywhere, Sometime, Somewhere.
   - Plural: Both, Few, Many, Several, etc.
   - Singular/plural: All, Any, Most, None, Some

1. **Quantifiers** (NOT A FULL LIST):
   - Simple Quantifiers: all, another, any, both, each, either, enough, every, few, fewer, little, less, many, more, much, neither, no, several, some.
   - Complex Quantifiers: a few, a little, a lot of, lots of, a large number of, a great deal of, a good deal of, a huge amount of, large/small quantity of...

1. **Graded quantifiers**: more, fewer, less, etc.

1. **Articles**: The, a, an.

1. **Adjectives**:
   - Descriptive adjective or adjective of quality: intelligent, strong, excellent, green, big. Comparative & superlative adjectives: stronger than, the strongest, more beautiful than, the most beautiful, faster than, the fastest, wiser than, the wisest...
   - Quantitative adjectives: more, all, some, half, more than enough etc.
   - Qualitative adjectives: colour, size, smell etc.
   - Possessive adjectives: my, his, their, your etc. Interrogative: which, whose, what etc. Demonstrative
adjectives: this, that, these, those etc.

Adjective of certainty: sure, positive, convinced, doubtful, suspicious, sceptical

1. **Subordinating conjunctions** (NOT A FULL LIST): after, although, as, as if, as long as, as much as, as soon as, as though, because, before, even if, even though, if, if only, if when, if then, inasmuch as, insofar as, in order that, just as, lest, now, now since, now that, now when, once, provided, provided that, rather than, since, so that, supposing, than, that, though, till, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, whether, which, while, who, whoever, why.

1. **Adverbs** (NOT A FULL LIST):
   - **Adverbs of time**: tomorrow, today, yesterday, now, then, never, soon, already, ago, formerly, lately etc.
   - **Adverbs of place**: here, there, upstairs, downstairs, everywhere, nowhere, in, out, inside, away.
   - **Adverbs of manner**: slowly, carefully, terribly, undoubtedly, uncertainly, seriously, well, pleasantly, really, thus etc.
   - **Adverbs of degree**: much, very, fully, partly, little, enough, extremely, so, rather etc.
   - **Adverbs of order (ordinal adverbs)**: first, at first, initially, first of all, in the first place, secondly, thirdly, fourthly, lastly, etc.
   - **Adverbs of frequency**: again, frequently, always, seldom, hardly, often, once, twice, etc.
   - **Adverbs of (un)certainty**: definitely, surely, probably, certainly, perhaps, maybe, possibly, etc.

1. **Coordinating conjunctions**: FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)

1. **VERBS**:
   - **Linking verbs** (NOT A COMPLETE LIST): appear, feel, look, seem, sound, be, get, remain, smell, taste, become etc.
   - **Auxiliary verbs (helping verbs)**: be (am, are, is, being, was, were, been), do (did, does), had, has, can, may, must, shall, will, could, might, ought to, should, would, etc.
   - **Modal verbs**: can, may, must, should, would, could, might, shall, will
   - **State verbs**: be, own, know, contain, consist, agree, matter, sound, appear, understand, etc.
   - **Action verbs**: clean, watch, do, make, run, sing, jump, eat, sleep, swim, dance, etc.
   - **State/Action verbs**: be, think, have, see, taste, etc.
   - **Transitive verbs (need an direct object)**: bring, send, owe, contain, buy, show, take, tell, verify, check, get, wash, finalize, annoy, lay, lend, offer, etc.
   - **Intransitive verbs (no direct object)**: come, explode, laugh, sit, rise, excel, respond, run, cough, swim, emigrate, smile, act, cry, immigrate, lie, arrive, continue, die, go, etc.
Irregular verbs (do not take -ed): Go, Get, Say, See, Think, Make, Take, Come, Know, etc.

Multi-word verbs:
- **Phrasal verbs** have two parts: a main verb and an adverb particle. Some of the most common adverb particles are: around, at, away, down, in, off, on, out, over, round, up: turn around, go away, turn down, pick up, turn on, turn off, take out, switch over, etc.

- **Prepositional verbs** (have an object, which comes immediately after the preposition) Prepositional verbs have two parts: a verb and a preposition which cannot be separated from each other: break into (a house), get over (an illness), listen to, cope with (a difficult situation), get on, look after (a child), deal with (a problem), get off, look at, depend on, go into, look for, do without, lead to, look forward to, etc.

- **Phrasal-prepositional verbs**: Phrasal-prepositional verbs have three parts: a verb, a particle and a preposition. The particle and the preposition cannot be separated: catch up with, get on with, look out for, come up against, listen out for, look up to, do away with, look down on, put up with, face up to, look forward to, watch out for, get away with, look in on, etc.
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**DET - DETERMINER:** MORE, LESS, etc / NO (negative article)

**These are some of the possible combinations; there are many more.**

You can use this list and add new combinations to it.

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