

Use of English

Part 2 Open cloze

1 Phrases a and b can complete sentences 1–6 below, with similar meanings. Choose the correct preposition for each phrase, using a dictionary if necessary.

- Many teenagers are Internet chat rooms.
a addicted *on/to* b hooked *on/to*
- People who smoke are developing serious health problems.
a *at/in* danger of b *at/in* risk of
- The streets in the town centre are litter.
a full *of/with* b covered *of/with*
- Nobody knew his strange behaviour at the restaurant.
a the reason *of/for* b the cause *of/for*
- The head teacher wanted to introduce school uniforms, but most of the teachers were not
a *in/of* agreement b *in/of* the same opinion
- To be truly a great artist you cannot be failure.
a frightened *with/of* b worried *about/of*

tip

Prepositions are often difficult to use correctly because there are few rules. Try to learn them as part of longer phrases.

2 Choose the correct prepositions to complete a–i.

- My girlfriend arrived *at/to* the cinema ten minutes late.
- Whether progress is always a good thing depends *of/on* your point of view.
- People usually dress *in/with* colourful clothes at carnivals.
- The protests have had no effect *on/to* the government.
- Madonna is married *to/with* a film director.
- This shirt was made *with/by* hand.
- The film *300* is based *in/on* a true story.
- Australians are very good *at/in* many sports.
- Some websites are popular all *across/over* the world.

3 Read the text quickly, ignoring the gaps, to find out why some people think Cute Knut should not have been allowed to live.

Cute Knut

Everyone loves Knut. The three-month-old polar bear, born in (0) *one* of Berlin's zoos, has become a star in the German capital and has won fans (1) over the world. It's impossible not to adore the little guy, right? Well, not quite. Animal rights activists aren't so in love (2) the polar bear baby. They are concerned that Knut, who is being raised by human hand after his mother rejected him, is (3) danger of losing touch with his natural identity. Some people (4) like to see him dead.



'Raising a wild animal (5) hand is against animal welfare laws,' animal rights activist Frank Albrecht told the press. 'The zoo needs to kill the bear cub,' he added. Unsurprisingly, this view has not been popular (6) the general public.

But Wolfram Graf-Rudolf, director of the Aachen Zoo, is (7) the same opinion, although he feels it is now (8) late to put Knut out of his supposed misery. 'The mistake has been made. They should (9) had the courage to kill him much earlier.'

The zoo reports that little Knut is becoming a bit of a handful as (10) gets bigger – suggesting that the bear is maybe not as human (11) some people fear. 'His keeper is covered (12) bruises, which shows that Knut has discovered he is a bear,' said the zoo's management.

4 Read the **how to do it** box. Then read the text again carefully and complete gaps 1–12 with one word each.

how to do it

Read the title and the text quickly for the general meaning. Don't fill in any gaps yet.

Read the text again, slowly, and try to fill in the missing words. Look at the words around the gap and try to work out what part of speech the missing word is.

Read the completed text to check your spelling and overall sense.

5 Discuss whether zoos are a good or bad thing, giving examples.