

Open Cloze

1. Margaret was very upset after the dinner last night and that was all **due / down** to your rudeness.

due to = more formal

down to = more idiomatic/conversational

2. You will get full insurance for this holiday, **whether** you pay now or at the time of departure.

regardless of whether = a choice between two alternatives

3. It wasn't me who said the director had quit, that was the story **according** to Mark, who knows him very well.

4. Carlton's face froze. "It **might / may** already be too late," he said and he looked away.

might sounds a little more tentative; **may** more formal/neutral.

5. The mining industry may **be** spoiling the beautiful coastal landscape in this area.

6. Tehran and Baghdad, found in Iran and Iraq respectively, are **among** the oldest cities in the world.

Also possible:

considered

some of the oldest cities

7. Laurence Olivier, or Larry **as** he was affectionately called, is considered one of the best ever actors.

"which" is ungrammatical here

8. The Prime Minister said he didn't want longer prison sentences but he objected **to** prisoners being released too early.

Verb pattern fixed: *object to + noun/gerund*.

9. I couldn't tell you the exact distance to Manchester, but it's well **over** ten miles.

Also possible:

above (relating to height rather than distance)

10. **Every** time I see you, you've got a big smile on your face and look so happy.

Also possible:

each time

11. My boss is just **as** likely to get to the office at midday as nine o'clock.

Fixed comparative structure: **as ... as**.

12. **Besides** having more trees than Moor Park, Wilson Park is also much larger.

Besides = As well as / In addition to...

13. The climbers made such an effort to reach the summit, **only** to find the pub on the summit was already closed.

Fixed idiom: **only to find**.

14. I don't understand **how** that bird manages to carry so much food in its mouth. It's amazing!

15. I didn't understand the physics lecture at **all**. What am I going to do for the exam?

16. The politician resigned following a series **of** disasters which led to his reputation being destroyed.

Fixed collocation: **a series of**.

Word Formation

1. In **KEEPING** with an ancient tradition, dinner will be served on blue china.

keep

2. It's **INCREDIBLY** rare to see large sharks in the Mediterranean Sea.

credible

3. The royal wedding finished with a **MAJESTIC** 8-course meal in the evening.

majesty

4. Scientists used a simple beetle as the **INSPIRATION** for their invention of a water-collecting bottle for hot climates.

inspire

5. A group of powerful **FINANCIERS** invested in the new company and made a fortune.

finance

6. Helen Weldon has been totally **DISCREDITED** as a historian after it was shown she invented quotations.

credit

7. In your **ESTIMATION**, how much money do we need to save in order to buy the house?

estimate

8. Parking in the city centre can be a major **INCONVENIENCE** due to the narrow streets.

convenient

9. Holidays where people carry out voluntary charity work are becoming **INCREASINGLY** popular.

increase

10. This morning's explosion at a chemical plant resulted in one **FATALITY** and four injuries.

fatal

11. We stopped at the church for thirty minutes to pay our **RESPECTS** to a local writer who had died.

respect

12. I think a toy gun is a totally SUITABLE / **UNSUITABLE** toy for a four-year old.

suit

13. Colin acted with **ADMIRABLE** restraint, despite how angry he must have been feeling.

admire

14. The **CREATION** of this new department will help the company face the next ten years more effectively.

create

15. The summer school organised many **ACTIVITIES** for us to do. We were never bored.

active

16. The mayor was forced to resign after the **OUTCRY** at his ill-considered remarks.

cry (*outcry (n.) = uproar / protestation*)

Key Word Transformation

1. **circumstances**

Original: *Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS* this vase to be touched.

2. **terms**

Original: *ARE ON GOOD TERMS*

alternatively:

- **ARE ON FRIENDLY TERMS**

3. **rather**

Original: *RATHER GO TO*

alternatively:

- **RATHER BE IN PARIS** (*not the exact same meaning*)

4. **account**

Original: *INTO ACCOUNT THE COST*

Alternatives:

- **THE COST INTO ACCOUNT**
- **ACCOUNT THE COST OF**

5. **involve**

Original: *MIGHT INVOLVE A LOT/LOTS*

Alternatives:

- **COULD / MIGHT / MAY INVOLVE A LOT**
- **MIGHT / MAY INVOLVE LOTS OF**
- **COULD INVOLVE LOTS OF**

6. **time**

Original: *NO TIME DID THE AIRLINE*

alternatives:

- **NO TIME BEFORE TAKEOFF DID THEY (not exact same meaning)**

7. **have**

Original: *HAVE SEEN THE THIEF IF*

Alternatives:

- **HAVE SEEN THE THIEF WHEN**

8. **cut**

Original: *IS CUT OUT TO BE*

9. **cost**

Original: *COST OF INSURANCE IS GETTING*

Alternatives:

- **COST OF INSURANCE IS BECOMING**

- **COST OF INSURANCE KEEPS GETTING**

10. **plan**

Original: *WENT TO PLAN*

alternatives:

- **WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN**
- **WENT ENTIRELY TO PLAN**

11. **may**

Original: *MAY HAVE PHONED*

Alternatives:

- **MAY HAVE CALLED / RANG**
- **MAY WELL HAVE PHONED**

12. **cut**

Original: *CUT SHORT THEIR TENNIS MATCH*

Alternatives:

- **CUT THEIR TENNIS MATCH SHORT**
- **CUT SHORT THE MATCH**

13. **turned**

Original: *HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A*

Alternatively:

- **WAS TURNED INTO A**

14. **objection**

Original: *NO OBJECTION TO YOU FILMING*

Alternatively:

- **NO OBJECTION TO YOUR FILMING**
- **NO OBJECTIONS TO YOU FILMING**
- **NO OBJECTION TO FILMING** (*meaning changes slightly*)