

# First Certificate in English (FCE) 2 Open Cloze Practice Test (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

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1. The charity run helped to raise \_\_\_\_\_ for the cause.
  - A. funds
  - B. awareness
  - C. money
  - D. support
  
2. Complete the sentence: The restaurant is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its seafood.
  - A. to
  - B. by
  - C. for
  - D. with
  
3. The song reminded me \_\_\_\_\_ my childhood.
  - A. For
  - B. Of
  - C. About
  - D. With
  
4. Complete the sentence: Not only did she win the race, she \_\_\_\_\_ break the record.
  - A. even
  - B. also
  - C. still
  - D. never
  
5. It also has some \_\_\_\_\_ practical uses than this.
  - A. much
  - B. extra
  - C. additional
  - D. more
  
6. Two cars ran \_\_\_\_\_ each other this morning.
  - A. Through
  - B. Past
  - C. By
  - D. Into

7. I'm so excited \_\_\_ my brother. He just got a new job!
- A. for
  - B. about
  - C. to
  - D. at
8. The policy targets cutting \_\_\_\_\_ emissions from industry.
- A. Methane
  - B. Carbon
  - C. Oxygen
  - D. Nitrogen
9. Complete the sentence: It was \_\_\_ a terrible day that we stayed indoors.
- A. So
  - B. Such
  - C. Very
  - D. Really
10. Gold is used in space travel due to its presence in instruments that enable astronauts to travel.
- A. in the hulls of spacecraft
  - B. in the instruments that enable astronauts to travel
  - C. as fuel
  - D. as insulation

## Answers

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1. B
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. B
10. B

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## **Explanations**

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1. The charity run helped to raise \_\_\_\_\_ for the cause.

A. funds

**B. awareness**

C. money

D. support

This item tests the natural collocation that follows raise in the context of a charitable event. A charity run is typically about making the public aware of a cause, so the most natural completion is awareness. The phrase raise awareness for the cause is a standard, idiomatic way to express that the event increased public knowledge and attention about the issue, which is the usual aim beyond just collecting money. While funds or money are plausible outcomes of charity events, they shift the focus to financial contributions rather than public recognition of the cause. Support is possible in other phrasing, but it's less conventional here. So, awareness fits best because it captures the common, idiomatic impact of such events and flows naturally with for the cause.

2. Complete the sentence: The restaurant is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its seafood.

A. to

B. by

**C. for**

D. with

The sentence uses a common collocation to express the reason something is well known. When you want to say what aspect or feature people associate with someone or something as the source of its fame, you use the preposition for after famous. So The restaurant is famous for its seafood means the seafood is the thing that makes the restaurant well known. Other prepositions don't fit this meaning. to isn't used to indicate the cause of fame, by would point to who or what caused the fame rather than the thing itself, and with doesn't convey the defining reason the place is known.

3. The song reminded me \_\_\_\_\_ my childhood.

A. For

**B. Of**

C. About

D. With

The main idea here is using remind with the preposition of to show what memory is triggered. When something causes you to recall a memory, you say it reminds you of that thing. In this sentence, the song caused memories from the speaker's childhood to come to mind, so the natural and correct choice is of. For and about don't fit the same way. For would not correctly express a memory being triggered; it sounds like a purpose or duration, which changes the meaning. About would refer more to a topic or subject rather than triggering a memory, making the sentence feel off. With would not connect the recall to the memory in a sensible way. With remind, the standard and idiomatic pairing for recalling something is remind someone of something, which is why this option is the best fit.

4. Complete the sentence: Not only did she win the race, she \_\_\_\_\_ break the record.

- A. even
- B. also**
- C. still
- D. never

This tests the not only ... but also construction and how to link two positive achievements about the same subject. After the inverted opening Not only did she win the race, the second clause should add another related fact about her, using a word that shows addition. Also is the natural choice here because it cleanly connects the two accomplishments without changing the meaning or tone. The sentence then reads smoothly: Not only did she win the race, she also broke the record. Other options would change the nuance or don't fit the structure as well. Even can add emphasis, but it doesn't sit as the simple connector in this parallel pattern. Still suggests continuation, which isn't the intended sense here, and never contradicts the positive tone.

5. It also has some \_\_\_\_\_ practical uses than this.

- A. much
- B. extra
- C. additional
- D. more**

Comparing quantities of countable plural things uses the word more. Here, uses are countable, so the natural way to express a greater number is "more," giving It also has some more practical uses than this to mean there are a greater number of practical uses than those currently considered. Much isn't used with plural, countable nouns in positive statements (much uses would sound wrong). Extra can mean additional, but it doesn't form the direct comparison that this sentence requires. Additional could fit in a rephrased way, but with this exact structure the simple, natural choice is more.

6. Two cars ran \_\_\_\_\_ each other this morning.

- A. Through
- B. Past
- C. By
- D. Into**

The main idea tested here is knowing the standard collocation for an accident with vehicles. When two things collide, we often use the phrasal verb run into, which means to hit or crash into something or someone. Using into after ran signals contact and impact, so two cars ran into each other this morning clearly describes a crash. Other options don't fit the intended meaning. Through is about passing from one side to the other, not about collision. Past would suggest moving by one another without contact, which changes the sense to a near-miss or passing by. By describes passing close to something or someone but isn't the usual way to express collision. Into is the natural choice that conveys the crash. So the sentence reads: Two cars ran into each other this morning.

7. I'm so excited \_\_\_ my brother. He just got a new job!

**A. for**

B. about

C. to

D. at

Expressing happiness for someone else's good news uses the preposition for to show it's about the person's benefit. Here, the feeling is toward my brother and his achievement, so the natural choice is for: I'm so excited for my brother. He just got a new job! Using about would shift the focus to the event itself rather than the person, which sounds less natural in this context. To would require a different structure with an infinitive verb (excited to ...), changing the meaning to a future action rather than expressing support for his news. At isn't the typical choice for this sense either.

8. The policy targets cutting \_\_\_\_\_ emissions from industry.

A. Methane

**B. Carbon**

C. Oxygen

D. Nitrogen

The phrase here relies on a common policy term: carbon emissions. In environmental policy, "carbon emissions" is the standard way to refer to carbon-containing gases released by industry, especially carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels and other processes. It captures the broad impact of industry on the atmosphere in terms of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is the main target in many climate policies. Methane is indeed a greenhouse gas, but policies usually specify it as such (methane emissions) when discussing that particular gas. Oxygen and nitrogen aren't the focus in this context; air is mostly nitrogen and oxygen, and policies don't target "nitrogen" emissions in this broad sense. So the best fit is carbon emissions because it reflects the general, widely used label for industry-related CO<sub>2</sub> and related carbon-containing emissions.

9. Complete the sentence: It was \_\_\_ a terrible day that we stayed indoors.

A. So

**B. Such**

C. Very

D. Really

The main idea here is using such to intensify the whole noun phrase "a terrible day" and link it to a consequence with that. Such a + adjective + noun (such as "such a terrible day") is a classic way to stress just how bad something was and to explain why something followed, in this case that we stayed indoors. The other options don't fit the exact pattern in the sentence. So cannot pair with "a" in this slot to form the natural "so terrible a day" construction, and very or really would either misplace the emphasis or produce a less natural inflection for this specific structure.

**10. Gold is used in space travel due to its presence in instruments that enable astronauts to travel.**

**A. in the hulls of spacecraft**

**B. in the instruments that enable astronauts to travel**

**C. as fuel**

**D. as insulation**

Gold's usefulness in space travel comes from its properties that protect and stabilize instruments. In the harsh environment of space, instruments must endure extreme temperatures and radiation, and their electrical contacts need to stay reliable. Gold resists corrosion and oxidation, so thin coatings and bonding wires remain intact and provide consistent, smooth electrical performance. It's also an excellent conductor and can be applied as very thin coatings without adding much weight, which helps delicate sensors and connectors function correctly. These qualities make gold especially valuable for the parts that actually enable astronauts to travel—the instruments that handle navigation, communication, and control. While gold can appear in insulation or shielding in some applications, the main reason it's highlighted here is its crucial role in instruments.

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# Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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