



Placement Test
First Certificate in English (FCE)

You have 1 hour to complete this test
Please do not use a dictionary

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Spend 20 minutes on this part of the test. Write ONE Word in each space (contracted words such as 'don't' are acceptable):

Steven is (1) _____ farmer. (2) _____ wife's name is Jenny. They (3) _____ three children. Their children's names (4) _____ John, Paul (5) _____ Sally. Paul and Sally still (6) _____ at home, but John (7) _____. John (8) _____ studying science (9) _____ university.

Paul is seventeen. He has a girlfriend (10) _____ Sarah. Paul (11) _____ out all the time with his girlfriend. His mum and dad (12) _____ very worried (13) _____ him. Sally, (14) _____ is fifteen, is (15) _____ child. After (16) _____ school, she is (17) _____ to study science in order to (18) _____ (19) _____ engineer.

(20) _____ isn't a lot of work in the country these days. Farmers (21) _____ make as much money as they used (22) _____. Steven thinks it (23) _____ be better (24) _____ sell the farm and buy another house (25) _____ Sydney. (26) _____ Jenny doesn't want to move (27) _____ she's (28) _____ three horses and she doesn't want to sell (29) _____. In her free-time she (30) _____ horseriding.

Yesterday (31) _____, while they (32) _____ all _____ around the table, Jenny said "I (33) _____ (ride) horses (34) _____ I was five years old and I'm not going to give (35) _____ now!" Steven replied "If I (36) _____ (know) you were going to be so (37) _____, I (38) _____ (marry) someone (39) _____!" She (40) _____ just _____ (serve) dinner (41) _____ Steven walked out. She was (42) _____ angry that she (43) _____ his meal at the wall.

The children (44) _____ never _____ their (45) _____ arguing before. Paul (46) _____ to his sister and said "Well, (47) _____ Dad doesn't want to run the farm, maybe we should take it (48) _____".

"Now that's an idea, (49) _____ (50) _____?" said Sally.



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For questions 1 – 15 read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space.

Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

WRITING A STORY

Where do you start if you want (0) ~~to~~ _____ write a successful story? Clearly, what you need first of (1) _____ is an idea which you can develop into a strong plot. But (2) _____ do ideas like this come from? The (3) _____ is 'anywhere and everywhere'. They may come from something that has (4) _____ to you or to (5) _____ else, from a newspaper, an interesting picture, or even a song. It's a good idea to keep a notebook nearby (6) _____ that you can write down the details of any odd incidents (7) _____ catch your imagination. Make a note of ideas (8) _____ titles too, and any special phrases or descriptions that you think of. A small tape recorder can (9) _____ useful for this purpose. Some writers even keep (10) _____ by their bed in (11) _____ they wake up with the 'idea of the century'.

Another method of developing the story is to make use (12) _____ the characters themselves. Why not (13) _____ putting three people you know well into a situation such as a wedding, where feelings may be very strong, and see (14) _____ happens. But don't make the final characters too much like your Aunt Jane or Uncle Jim or you may find (15) _____ in real trouble.

