

A2 Key · Parts 4–5: the cloze

A2 Key strategy notes; invented examples, not official Cambridge items.

The shop and the kitchen

Part 4 is a shop — choose from the shelf. Part 5 is a kitchen — cook the word yourself from whatever the sentence gives you.

Collocation is king

- 1 **The gap** We ____ a great time. A) made B) had C) took.
- 2 **The pair** have a great time is the fixed pair: had.
- 3 **The lesson** The other two are fine words at the wrong party.

Decision

Read the whole sentence; the answer often hides three words later.

Your turn: the shelf

Your turn

She is very fond ____ cats.

- A. at
- B. of
- C. with

The predictable menu

The gap's job	The usual answers
article	a, an, the
preposition	in, on, at, for, with, by
pronoun	it, they, who, which
modal / auxiliary	can, will, would, do, is, are, has
linker	and, but, so, because, when, if

Use the evidence

The A1 and A2 grammar is the answer key.

Your turn: cook the word

Your turn

_____ you ever been to Shanghai?

- A. Do
- B. Have
- C. Are
- D. Did to

The cloze rhythm

Read the whole text first without writing anything. Know the story.



Fill the gaps one by one, reading the full sentence each time.



Re-read the finished text; if a sentence sounds wrong, it is wrong.



The first read is the map; the gaps are the roads; the re-read is the drive.

The camouflage marks

The free marks

Article gaps feel invisible to Chinese speakers. They are free marks wearing camouflage.

A gap at the start of a sentence needs a capital: There, not there.

Try it

- 1 **The text** Last summer, I went to the beach ____ my family. We stayed ____ a small hotel. The weather ____ perfect. I have never had ____ a good holiday.
- 2 **The answers** with · in/at · was · such
- 3 **The lesson** such a good holiday is the collocation shelf again.

Decision

Read the whole text first; the story carries the answers.

Check yourself

- We had a great time — the collocation decides.
- I have lived here since 2019 — a start line from A2.
- Part 5: one small grammar word, spelled right.
- The first read is the map; never fill gaps before it.