

B1 Preliminary · Reading Parts 3–4: detailed meaning and cohesion

B1 Preliminary strategy notes; invented examples, not official Cambridge items.

Meaning in one, cohesion in the other

Part 3 asks what does it mean? Part 4 asks where does it snap in? Meaning in one, cohesion in the other.

The half-true trap

Opinion, attitude, implication

"What does the writer think?" — hunt the feeling words and the modals.

"What does she suggest?" — should, might, it's worth, if I were you.

Your turn: the suggestion

Your turn

"It's worth booking early." — the writer's suggestion is...

- A. the course is expensive
- B. book early
- C. the course was cancelled
- D. never book

The sentence jigsaw

The glue	What to check
pronouns	he, it, they, this — the owner must sit before the gap
time and order words	then, after that, at first, finally
linkers	but, however, so — the two sides must contrast or agree
repeated ideas	the neighbours and the sentence share a topic

Use the evidence

Check both sides of every gap.

Your turn: find the owner

Your turn

"...the bakery opens at six. _____. By eight, the queue reaches the corner." Which sentence fits?

- A. "The smell of fresh bread fills the street by seven."
- B. "My grandfather loved fishing."
- C. "Buses are often late."
- D. "The corner shop sells stamps."

Implication is justified, not written

written

"The course was hard." — the fact, on the page.

implied

"I wouldn't say it was easy, but it was worth every evening."

Positive, with effort — the but carries it.

Try it

- 1 **The gap** "...the bakery opens at six. _____. By eight, the queue reaches the corner."
- 2 **The candidate** "The smell of fresh bread fills the street by seven."
- 3 **The glue** Time chain: six → seven → eight. Topic: the bakery. Both sides hold.

Decision

Easiest gap first; decoys last.

Check yourself

- What does the writer suggest? — hunt should, might, it's worth.
- A candidate's he or this needs an owner before the gap.
- A decoy fits the grammar and betrays the logic.
- Easiest gap first; the decoy list shrinks.