

Missing sentences

1 Complete the sentences with words in the box.

answer • gap • linkers • reference • text

In tasks where sentences are missing from a text, look out for **(a)** words (e.g. these, mine), sequence markers (e.g. next, finally) and **(b)** (e.g. therefore, despite) both in the missing sentence and the sentences before and after the **(c)** in the text. Once you have decided on an **(d)** read through the whole **(e)** to check it makes sense.

2 Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative.

- I'd like you to make/take an apology for your behaviour.
- I hate making/doing the ironing so I don't bother anymore!
- Please don't make/do any silly comments in front of my grandparents.
- It won't do/take you any harm to have an evening off from revision.
- Why does she always make/take offence to my advice?

✓ Exam tip

In tasks where sentences are missing from a text, remember to read the text carefully looking at the information before and after each gap. Look for reference words (e.g. these, mine), sequence markers (e.g. next, finally) and linkers (e.g. therefore, despite) to find a connection between the missing sentence and the text either side of it.

3 Read the article and choose from sentences 1-8 the one which fits each gap.

The Electric Revolution Is Within Our Sight

It is clear to everyone that petrol cars are going to be a thing of the past in the not-too-distant future.

(1) Transport as a whole is estimated to be responsible for one fifth of global carbon dioxide emissions. And it seems, finally, that electric car manufacturers are making a real attempt to reduce this. For years, electric vehicles (known as EVs), haven't been able to make the most of their eco-friendly advantage.



(2) Restricted driving range, limited battery life and time to charge all led to them not being a credible substitute for petrol. One of the main deal-breakers was, and to some extent still is, high production costs. **(3)** Now, it's down to just over £100, making EVs much more affordable and competitive. Then there's the lack of charging points. **(4)** However, anyone going on a long trip may feel like they're taking a risk by choosing a non-petrol car. For example, in the European Union, it is estimated that 70% of all charging points can be found in just three countries.

(5) In addition, even today you'd have to buy a top-of-the-range fully-charged Tesla Model S to travel the same distance as a full tank in a petrol car. **(6)** An equivalent petrol vehicle is understandably a much cheaper option.

There's also the time to recharge. You have to allow anywhere from six to 24 hours to charge an EV. In comparison, petrol cars only need a few minutes to fill the tank. There is the option of rapid charging, however, which can take as little as 20 minutes. **(7)** Unfortunately though, this type of charging can cause the battery life and safety to deteriorate.

With all this in mind when will we actually see EVs making a real difference and knocking petrol cars off the top spot? Well, that really depends on the car maker and the laws in place. **(8)** Volvo is not far behind promising the same in 2030. Look how fast the internet took over most people's lives in a period of a little over 20 years. As soon as EVs become cost-competitive there will be no contest.

- The reason why the green revolution hasn't had the green light until recently, was due to a number of problems.
- There's no denying that compared with a few years ago, they are both more numerous and visible.
- Time is running out for gas guzzlers in traffic jams on our roads and motorways.
- Jaguar is leading the way with the aim of selling only EVs from 2025.
- Unfortunately, this comes at an eye-watering price of around £80,000.
- Just ten years ago a lithium-ion battery pack cost over £800/kWh.
- For this you'll need a car that can handle DC (direct current) charging.
- Therefore, you'd better stick to the Netherlands, France and Germany in your EV!

C1 Advanced Part 2

1 Choose the correct alternative.

In activities in which you have to write one word, first read the text (a) *quickly/thoroughly* to get a (b) *clear/general* idea of what it is about. Then, look at the words that come (c) *before/before and after* the gap to get an understanding of the (d) *word/phrase* you need.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

road • roundabout • speed • steering • up

- 1 Watch out for the camera on this stretch of road.
- 2 You have much more control with both hands on the wheel.
- 3 There was a pile- on the motorway which caused long delays.
- 4 We missed the sign and had to turn back.
- 5 I get confused as to which way around the I need to go!

✓ Exam tip

In tasks where you have to complete a text with missing words, first read through the text quickly to get a general idea of what it is about. Then look closely at the words that come just before and after each gap to decide what type of word you need. Missing words are often prepositions, auxiliary verbs, articles, pronouns and conjunctions, but some may be nouns or verbs.

- 3 For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The joy of a road trip



There is nothing that says freedom more than a road trip.

You (0) *don't* have to fly halfway around the world to have a good time. All you need is a car and a driver. Oh, and plenty (1) snacks! A good route is key so do some research before you leave. What's the point (2) driving down a long, boring motorway? Take the scenic route. In spite of (3) fact that it will be slower, it is sure to be much prettier and more relaxing. (4) idea would be to plot interesting sights to stop off at every hour or so.

Then, there's the task of choosing the right travel companions. It's good to have people (5) are just as comfortable quietly taking in the surroundings as they are singing with you at the top of their voices. There's nothing worse (6) feeling like you need to fill empty silences.

Hours on the road (7) not seem like everyone's ideal holiday, but with the right preparation and good company, it may just be the best decision you ever (8)