

Complete a summary of a text

1 In tasks where you need to complete sentences or a summary, what should you do?

- a include as much information as you can in each gap
- b check if there is a word limit to what can be written in each gap
- c use different words from the main text you're summarising in each gap

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

have • in • know • latest • make • thing

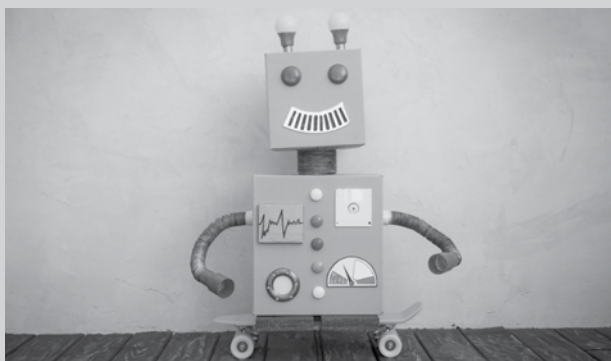
- 1 I'd hardly say I keep up with the fashions! Have you seen my wardrobe?
- 2 They a fashion statement whenever they set foot out of their house.
- 3 A colourful head scarf really is the must-..... item this season.
- 4 Fashion experts are paid a fortune to try to predict the next big
- 5 Miniskirts were very much vogue in the late 1960s in the UK.
- 6 Those in the are surprised at the success of the relatively mundane item.

✓ Exam tip

In tasks where you complete sentences or a summary, check whether you can write any number of words or need to write a specific number of words in each gap.

3 Read the text and complete the summary. Use words from the text. Use no more than three words in each gap.

Weird and wonderful technology from the past ten years.



There have been a vast number of inventions over the past ten years. It's natural that only the most successful are going to become a part of most people's lives. However, there are some weird and wonderful ones out there that you may not have heard of, but which certainly deserve a mention.

Firstly, the invisible skyscraper. Unless you are in possession of the aforementioned building, this is hardly going to be a must-have for the average person. Completed in 2016, Tower Infinity was a showcase of South Korean technology and seems to rebel against other superlative buildings – the tallest, the most expensive – with its shy nature. In fact, it's not so much minimalist as completely invisible, at least for a few hours every day! Standing at 450 metres tall, it is covered in LED screens that are able to capture the view that would be there if the building were not! Digital processing makes it possible for Tower Infinity to blend into its surroundings almost unnoticed. The idea behind such a project was to represent the 'Soul' of the South Korean nation by focussing on the global community and not itself. International visitors can get one of the best views of the building (if they can see it at all!) when they take off or land at Incheon International Airport, near Seoul.

Next, what comes to mind when you think of milk? A drink? A cow? Something you put on your cereal? Well, Anke Domaske, a German fashion designer, actually thought clothes! In 2011, QMilch was unveiled. The designer was able to boast that she had created a new fabric made from casein protein, found in milk. There had been other milk-based fabrics but this was the first of its kind in that it didn't use chemicals. The way it works is this: as dried milk is warmed up it forms strands and these strands can be used to make clothing. In 2019, a start-up company, Mi Terro, also decided to start producing milk clothing. You never know it could become mainstream in the fashion world!

Then there's the headset designed to keep your conversations private. Hushme can boast about becoming the first voice mask for smartphones. The way it works is that the device wraps around the back of your neck and meets at your mouth. It is also attached to two earphones. The function is dual-purpose. Not only does it stop others from listening in to a private or sensitive conversation, but it also helps to drown out any external noise that could interfere with the quality of the line. Whether it catches on or becomes a bold fashion statement, only time will tell!

Finally, no weird and wonderful technology article would be complete without a mention of the Japanese. Over the years, the country has bought us some truly amazing technology trends: the bullet train in 1964, the Sony Walkman in 1979, and the Tamagochi, a handheld digital pet, in 1996. Well, watch out, because we now have the delights of the Nekomimi which brings humans and cats ever closer. To elaborate, it is a set of mechanical cat ears worn by the user which can react to their mood. This is thanks to the ability the device has to measure your brainwaves, thus creating a fusion between human and the popular pet. If the wearer is relaxed, the ears will droop; if the wearer is focussed, they wriggle. It sounds like a lot of fun.

It's obvious really that with new technology trends comes a lot of trial and error. There's often no way of telling which are going to be around for years to come or which are going to die a death instantaneously. What we can say is that imagination and innovation are the key to invention.

Complete a summary of a text (continued)

Successful technology is a part of people's lives but interesting inventions **(a)** too. Here are some highlights. South Korea has an invisible skyscraper. At around **(b)** high, it uses LED screens and digital processing to become invisible to the onlooker. As it is close to **(c)** , foreign travellers are able to get a good view of it.

A special kind of milk fabric was invented by **(d)** and it's unique in that it doesn't use **(e)** Mi Terro, a **(f)** followed the designer's example. Hushme is a headset that can do two things. It can make a conversation private and it can also improve the sound quality by blocking **(g)**

(h) is a new device which lets someone wear cat ears. These are able to show the **(i)** of the person wearing them. It does this because it can **(j)** and make the headset react to them.

C1 Advanced Part 1

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

choose • gaps • know • meaning • whole

In multiple-choice cloze activities, you should read the
 (a) text quickly to get the general
 message first. Try not to worry about words you don't
 (b) or what might go in the
 (c) at this stage. If you understand the
 general (d), this will help you
 (e) the correct answers.

2 Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1 adversely | a become popular again |
| 2 make a comeback | b many people copying the same behaviour |
| 3 cultural phenomenon | c do things in a different way than is usual |
| 4 on the radar | d negative reaction to something by many people |
| 5 backlash | e in a harmful way |
| 6 buck the trend | f when someone becomes aware of something |

✓ Exam tip

In multiple-choice cloze tasks, read the whole text quickly first to get a general understanding. Don't worry about the gaps or understanding every word at this stage. Understanding the wider context will help you choose the correct answer.

3 For each question, 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

The role of influencers

Unless you have been living under a rock for the past few years, you won't have failed to notice the role of the influencer when it comes (0) to setting new trends.

Celebrities used to be (1) the forefront of this social influence. In fact, many still are. However, not that long ago, we started to see virtual unknowns (2) the radar: People like you and me are now able to become (3) in the influencer arena.

And maybe that's just the point. They're relatable in a (4) that perhaps the lives of the rich and famous aren't. Social media stars have become stars in their own right. They achieve their audience's loyalty by being in regular (5) with them.

And big brands have seen how quickly their products can (6) on if they use this resource. All the tried-and-tested marketing methods are well-known, and frankly outdated, to many members of the public.

Influencers seem able to (7) up with the latest fashions in a fresh and authentic way.

And with 50% of Generation Z (born 1997–2012) saying that social media ads are most effective to them, the role of the influencer seems to show no sign of slowing

(8) anytime soon.

Example:

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| 0 A from | B away | C to | D after |
| 1 A at | B on | C by | D in |
| 2 A through | B around | C on | D from |
| 3 A vogues | B trendsetters | C must-haves | D fashions |
| 4 A method | B plan | C means | D way |
| 5 A union | B contact | C relations | D network |
| 6 A take | B hold | C bring | D catch |
| 7 A keep | B speed | C continue | D remain |
| 8 A up | B off | C down | D away |