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.

- Part 4: six gaps, three options each — vocabulary.
- Part 5: six gaps in an email, no options — the small grammar words.

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

Words that go together

We _____ **a great time.**

made | **had** | took — have a great time: a fixed pair

She is very fond _____ **cats.**

of | with | for — fond of: the shelf sells the pair

All three options are real English. The word next to the gap picks the winner.

> Learn words in pairs

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.

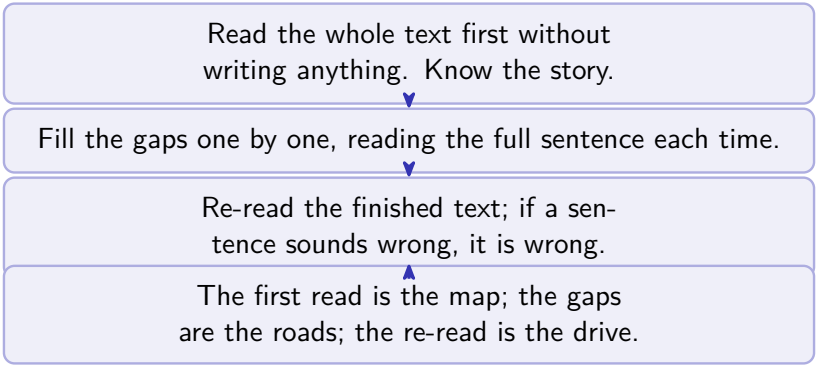
Your turn: cook the word

Your turn

____ you ever been to Shanghai?

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

The cloze rhythm



The camouflage marks

The free marks

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

The answer sheet asks for CAPITAL LETTERS: THERE, SINCE, WITH.

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.