

FILL IN THE BLANKS

This is one of the most important topic to be learnt for all candidates who take up competitive exams. Well, here is the step by step approach to fill in the blanks and tips to improve in it.

In fill in the blanks, candidates are given an incomplete sentence with one or more words missing, and four options. The candidates are required to choose the right option to fill the gaps and make the sentence whole.

Step by step approach to ‘fill in the blanks’

Read the given Sentence- start reading the given sentence carefully. Understand the crux of the sentence. Try and identify the logical structure of the sentence. This offers you to determine the kind of word that is required to fill the blank, based on the context.

Try to fill in the missing word without looking at the options- Once you are done reading the sentence, try to fill the blank without looking at the options first. Once you have understood the context of the given sentence, determining the tone of the missing word becomes easy; whether the missing word is negative/positive, a fact, a phrase, an idiom, a meaning, etc.

Choose the best alternative from the options- Once you are done filling the blank without seeing the options, check the options and choose an alternative from them that can best replace the word that you had thought of initially.

Re-read the sentence- Once you have placed the option in the blank, re-read the sentence. If the sentence makes sense grammatically and **logically**, it means the word is right.

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If the sentence doesn't make sense, try and replace the chosen option with a more well-matched and meaningful alternative. Keep replacing the blank with words from the options till you're sure that the pattern/syntax of the sentence is proper.

Hit and Trial- Sometimes, there's a chance of you getting confused between two or more options. In such cases, you can use the Hit and Trial method of choosing the right option.

Thus, candidates who are appearing for various competitive exams, can go through the guide for fill in the blank concept in English section.

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