

FREE TOEFL 2026 PRACTICE MATERIAL

TOEFL Complete the Words Practice PDF With Answers (2026 Format)

Gapped passages where the ends of words are missing and only one completion fits the sentence and the spelling both. Every gap here is printed with its answer and the note explaining why it is the one that works.

What is inside

- Every Complete the Words passage Reach120 has editorially approved for publication, printed whole with its gaps intact.
- The answer for each gap with the explanation for the completion that fits and, where the item records them, the reasons the near-misses do not.
- The domain and word count of each passage, so a set can be picked by the kind of text rather than at random.
- A pack you can work in pen, which suits this task better than any other on the test — it is a spelling and collocation drill as much as a reading one.

What it does not cover

- The other two Reading task types. Read in Daily Life and Read an Academic Passage ship together as the Reading passages pack.
- Automatic marking. On paper you check against the key; the free browser drill marks each gap as you type it.
- Every gapped passage in the bank. Only editorially approved passages are published, which is a smaller set than the bank and deliberately so.

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Gapped passages with answers

Read each passage through before filling anything in; most gaps are decided by a clause that arrives after them. The completions and the notes explaining them follow each set.

Passage 1: Caring for Objects in a Museum

art conservation · Level 4 · 86 words · 10 questions

Museum conservators work quietly to protect fra_____ objects from the damage of time. Light, humidity, and dust can deter_____ ancient paint if left unchecked. Before any repair, a conservator studies the piece care_____, sometimes using X-rays to see beneath the sur_____. The goal is to stab_____ an object, not make it look new. Materials chosen must be rever_____, so future experts can undo the work if better methods appe_____. Every treatment is recorded in detailed not_____. Through such labor, artifacts stay ava_____ for visitors to appr_____.

Question 1

Complete the partially missing word not_____.

- A. notions
- B. notches
- C. notaries
- D. notes

Question 2

Complete the partially missing word deter_____.

- A. deter
- B. detergent
- C. determine
- D. deteriorate

Question 3

Complete the partially missing word appr_____.

- A. apprentice
- B. appreciate
- C. apprehend
- D. approach

Question 4

Complete the partially missing word care_____.

- A. carefully
- B. careless
- C. careful
- D. carefulness

Question 5

Complete the partially missing word rever_____.

- A. reversible
- B. reversing
- C. reverence
- D. reversal

Question 6

Complete the partially missing word appe_____.

- A. appeal
- B. appease
- C. append
- D. appear

Question 7

Complete the partially missing word sur_____.

- A. surge
- B. surname
- C. surplus
- D. surface

Question 8

Complete the partially missing word stab_____.

- A. stabilizer
- B. stable
- C. stability
- D. stabilize

Question 9

Complete the partially missing word ava_____.

- A. avail
- B. availability
- C. avalanche
- D. available

Question 10

Complete the partially missing word fra_____.

- A. fraction
- B. fragment
- C. fragrant
- D. fragile

ANSWER KEY AND EXPLANATIONS

1. D

'recorded in detailed notes' fits keeping a written history of care.

Not A: 'notions' means vague ideas and does not fit 'detailed' records.

Not B: 'notches' are cut grooves and do not mean written records.

Not C: 'notaries' are officials and are unrelated to records.

2. D

'can deteriorate ancient paint' means to make it worse over time.

Not A: 'deter' means to discourage and does not take 'paint' as an object of decay.

Not B: 'detergent' is a noun for a cleaner and cannot be this verb.

Not C: 'determine' means to decide and does not fit damaging paint.

3. B

'to appreciate for generations' fits scholars and visitors valuing the artifacts.

Not A: 'apprentice' is a noun for a trainee and cannot follow 'to' as this verb.

Not C: 'apprehend' means to arrest or grasp and does not fit enjoying art.

Not D: 'approach' means to come near and misses the sense of valuing.

4. A

The adverb 'carefully' modifies 'studies', describing how the piece is examined.

Not B: 'careless' means without care and reverses the meaning.

Not C: 'careful' is an adjective and cannot modify the verb 'studies'.

Not D: 'carefulness' is a noun and is ungrammatical after the verb.

5. A

'must be reversible' means the repair can be undone, matching the next clause.

Not B: 'reversing' is a participle and does not fit as a predicate adjective here.

Not C: 'reverence' means deep respect and is unrelated.

Not D: 'reversal' is a noun and does not fit after 'must be'.

6. D

'if better methods appear' means become available in the future.

Not A: 'appeal' means to plead and does not fit 'better methods'.

Not B: 'appease' means to calm and is unrelated to methods emerging.

Not C: 'append' means to attach and does not fit the sentence.

7. D

'see beneath the surface' fits using X-rays to look under the top layer.

Not A: 'surge' means a sudden rise and does not fit 'beneath the'.

Not B: 'surname' means a family name and is unrelated.

Not C: 'surplus' means an excess and does not fit 'beneath the'.

8. D

'to stabilize an object' takes the base verb after 'to'.

Not A: 'stabilizer' is a noun and cannot serve as the infinitive verb.

Not B: 'stable' is an adjective and is ungrammatical after 'to'.

Not C: 'stability' is a noun and cannot follow 'to' as a verb.

9. D

'remain available' uses the predicate adjective after 'remain'.

Not A: 'avail' is a verb and does not fit after 'remain' as a predicate.

Not B: 'availability' is a noun and cannot follow 'remain' here.

Not C: 'avalanche' is a snow slide and is unrelated.

10. D

'fragile objects' fits things easily damaged that conservators protect.

Not A: 'fraction' means a part and cannot describe objects here.

Not B: 'fragment' is a noun for a broken piece and does not fit before 'objects' as a describer.

Not C: 'fragrant' means sweet-smelling and is unrelated to damage.

Passage 2: Carrying Water Across Roman Valleys

engineering history · Level 4 · 94 words · 10 questions

Roman engineers built aqu_____ to bring fresh water from distant hills into crowded cities. The channels sloped downward at a gentle, carefully calculated gra_____ so that gra_____ alone kept the water flowing. Where a valley int_____ the route, workers raised tall stone arches to support the con_____ high above the ground. Skilled sur_____ used simple lev_____ tools to measure the slope across many miles. Inside the channel, a wat_____ lining pre_____ leaks and kept the supply clean. On arrival, the water fed public fountains, private homes, and eno_____ heated baths that citizens visited daily.

Question 1

Complete the partially missing word gra_____.

- A. gravity
- B. granular
- C. grateful
- D. gravel

Question 2

Complete the partially missing word wat_____.

- A. waterproof
- B. watering
- C. waterfall
- D. watchful

Question 3

Complete the partially missing word int_____.

- A. intern
- B. interrupted
- C. internal
- D. interested

Question 4

Complete the partially missing word pre_____.

- A. prevented
- B. preferred
- C. prepared
- D. presented

Question 5

Complete the partially missing word lev_____.

- A. levying
- B. leveling
- C. levitate
- D. levers

Question 6

Complete the partially missing word con_____.

- A. consent
- B. conduit
- C. concert
- D. conduct

Question 7

Complete the partially missing word gra_____.

- A. grammar
- B. granite
- C. grateful
- D. gradient

Question 8

Complete the partially missing word aqu_____.

- A. aquarium
- B. aquifer
- C. aquatic
- D. aqueducts

Question 9

Complete the partially missing word sur_____.

- A. surveyors
- B. surface
- C. surplus
- D. surrender

Question 10

Complete the partially missing word eno_____.

- A. enormity
- B. enormously
- C. enormous
- D. enough

ANSWER KEY AND EXPLANATIONS

1. A

'Gravity' alone kept the water flowing downhill.

Not B: 'Granular' describes texture, not a force.

Not C: 'Grateful' is an emotion and does not move water.

Not D: 'Gravel' is small stones, not the force keeping water flowing.

2. A

A 'waterproof' lining prevented leaks in the channel.

Not B: 'Watering' is a verb form and misfits the noun phrase.

Not C: 'Waterfall' is a falling stream, not a lining.

Not D: 'Watchful' means alert and cannot describe a lining.

3. B

A valley 'interrupted' the route, meaning it broke the path.

Not A: 'Intern' is a trainee and is irrelevant.

Not C: 'Internal' is an adjective and does not work as this verb.

Not D: 'Interested' is an emotion and does not fit a valley.

4. A

The lining 'prevented' leaks, meaning it stopped them.

Not B: 'Preferred' means chose and does not fit stopping leaks.

Not C: 'Prepared' means got ready and does not mean stop.

Not D: 'Presented' means showed and is illogical for leaks.

5. B

'Leveling tools' measure whether a surface is flat or sloped.

Not A: 'Levying' means imposing a tax and is irrelevant.

Not C: 'Levitate' means to float and does not fit.

Not D: 'Levers' are bars for lifting, not slope-measuring tools here.

6. B

A 'conduit' is the channel the arches support high above ground.

Not A: 'Consent' means permission and is irrelevant.

Not C: 'Concert' is a musical event, not a water channel.

Not D: 'Conduct' as a noun means behavior and does not carry water.

7. D

A 'gradient' is the calculated downward slope of the channel.

Not A: 'Grammar' concerns language and is irrelevant.

Not B: 'Granite' is a rock, not a slope value.

Not C: 'Grateful' is an emotion adjective and does not fit.

8. D

'Aqueducts' are the water-carrying structures Romans built.

Not A: 'Aquarium' is a fish tank, not a city water channel.

Not B: 'Aquifer' is underground rock storing water, not a built structure.

Not C: 'Aquatic' is an adjective and cannot be the object built.

9. A

'Surveyors' measured the slope using leveling tools.

Not B: 'Surface' is a noun for the top of something, not the workers.

Not C: 'Surplus' means excess and does not name people.

Not D: 'Surrender' means to give up and is irrelevant.

10. C

'Enormous heated baths' were the large public bathhouses citizens used.

Not A: 'Enormity' is a noun and cannot modify 'heated baths' as an adjective.

Not B: 'Enormously' is an adverb and cannot fill the adjective slot.

Not D: 'Enough' is a quantifier and reads awkwardly before 'heated baths.'

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