

## FCE Writing Part Two reviews phrases open cloze and brainstorming

Also good for Use of English Part Two open cloze

Put ONE WORD into each of the gaps below.

1. It's \_\_\_\_\_ action-packed murder mystery/ whodunit.
2. If I were you, I'd rush out \_\_\_\_\_ buy a ticket now while you still can!
3. I had been to the same restaurant three years \_\_\_\_\_, when the waiting staff were much more professional, efficient and polite.
4. The décor isn't very attractive, \_\_\_\_\_ the appearance is generally okay.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ not miss this exciting, dramatic and fun film!
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to its sophisticated script and unforgettable performances, this series is far better than the usual Brazilian soap opera.
7. I couldn't get \_\_\_\_\_ of the impeccably tasty and thoroughly satisfying starters.
8. I highly/ thoroughly recommend this play \_\_\_\_\_ people who enjoy historical dramas/ costume dramas.
9. It's excellent value \_\_\_\_\_ money.
10. This clichéd and predictable film is only suitable \_\_\_\_\_ hardcore sci-fi fans.
11. Its gripping and haunting score really makes it stand out \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd of cop movies.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ you like rom coms, you'll love the new one from the director of The Hangover.
13. I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_ I'd describe it as unique, but it is certainly quite original.
14. As a comedy actress, I really believe Julia Roberts is one \_\_\_\_\_ a million.
15. I liked the French original, but I couldn't really get \_\_\_\_\_ this Hollywood remake.
16. It's said to be a classic comedy, but I didn't find \_\_\_\_\_ very funny.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ main criticism of this film is how over the top the acting is.
18. A strong point \_\_\_\_\_ this kind of evening entertainment is...
19. I loved the original, but I wasn't too keen \_\_\_\_\_ this sequel.
20. It's \_\_\_\_\_ of the most distinctive books that I've read in the last few years.
21. You \_\_\_\_\_ not miss Cirque du Soleil while it is playing here in Tokyo.
22. It's \_\_\_\_\_ most addictive programme I've ever watched.
23. This award-winning film is \_\_\_\_\_ latest work from Woody Allen.
24. I'd be in no hurry \_\_\_\_\_ eat this overpriced and dull food again.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ you really like cheesy American sitcoms, don't bother turning on this notoriously irritating comedy.
26. It \_\_\_\_\_ directed by the famous director Ridley Scott.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ the heroine was helping the children escape, the bad guy set up a bomb at the top of the Empire State Building.
28. The lead actor, \_\_\_\_\_ also starred in last year's "The Lovely Bones", gives a realistic and uplifting performance.
29. I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_ idea the delightful use of bird cages was, but I was enchanted by them.
30. You \_\_\_\_\_ not regret paying ten pounds to see this intriguing, memorable and moving dance performance.
31. Don't bother \_\_\_\_\_ the bland and forgettable cocktails.
32. It was \_\_\_\_\_ a doubt one of the most fantastic dishes I've ever had.
33. I \_\_\_\_\_ recommend it for someone who likes a cosmopolitan menu and atmosphere.
34. I haven't been able to forget the depressing and monotonous soundtrack \_\_\_\_\_.

## Suggested answers

1. It's an action-packed murder mystery/ whodunit.
  2. If I were you, I'd rush out          and/ to          buy a ticket now while you still can!
  3. I had been to the same restaurant three years          before/ earlier         , when the waiting staff were much more professional, efficient and polite.
  4. The décor isn't very attractive,          but          the appearance is generally okay.
  5.          Do          not miss this exciting, dramatic and fun film!
  6.          Due/ Owing          to its sophisticated script and unforgettable performances, this series is far better than the usual Brazilian soap opera.
  7. I couldn't get   enough   of the impeccably tasty and thoroughly satisfying starters.
  8. I highly/ thoroughly recommend this play          for          people who enjoy historical dramas/ costume dramas.
  9. It's excellent value   for   money.
  10. This clichéd and predictable film is only suitable   for   hardcore sci-fi fans
  11. Its gripping and haunting score really makes it stand out   from   the crowd of cop movies.
  12.   If   you like rom coms, you'll love the new one from the director of The Hangover.
  13. I'm not sure   if/ whether   I'd describe it as unique, but it is certainly quite original.
  14. As a comedy actress, I really believe Julia Roberts is one          in          a million.
  15. I liked the French original, but I couldn't really get   into   this Hollywood remake.
  16. It's said to be a classic comedy, but I didn't find          it          very funny.
  17.          My          main criticism of this film is how over the top the acting is.
  18. A strong point          of          this kind of evening entertainment is...
  19. I loved the original, but I wasn't too keen          on          this sequel.
  20. It's          one          of the most distinctive books that I've read in the last few years.
  21. You   should/ must   not miss Cirque du Soleil while it is playing here in Tokyo.
  22. It's          the          most addictive programme I've ever watched.
  23. This award-winning film is          the          latest work from Woody Allen.
  24. I'd be in no hurry          to          eat this overpriced and dull food again.
  25.          Unless          you really like cheesy American sitcoms, don't bother turning on this notoriously irritating comedy.
  26. It   was   directed by the famous director Ridley Scott.
  27.          While          the heroine was helping the children escape, the bad guy set up a bomb at the top of the Empire State Building.
  28. The lead actor,          who          also starred in last year's "The Lovely Bones", gives a realistic and uplifting performance.
  29. I'm not sure          whose          idea the delightful use of bird cages was, but I was enchanted by them.
  30. You          will          not regret paying ten pounds to see this intriguing, memorable and moving dance performance.
  31. Don't bother          with          the bland and forgettable cocktails.
  32. It was          without          a doubt one of the most fantastic dishes I've ever had.
  33. I   would   recommend it for someone who likes a cosmopolitan menu and atmosphere.
  34. I haven't been able to forget the depressing and monotonous soundtrack   yet  .
- What categories of words are most common in the gaps?*

*Ask about any reviews language above which you aren't sure about.*

*Without looking above, try to remember or think of as much high-level language as you can in each of the categories below.*

Vocabulary connected to movies, TV and theatre

Vocabulary connected to food and restaurants

Positive adjectives

Other positive expressions

Negative adjectives

Other negative expressions

*Check with the previous worksheet, then brainstorm more useful language for the same categories.*

### **Suggested answers**

*Many more answers are possible, so please check any extra words you wrote with your partner.*

### **Vocabulary connected to movies, TV and theatre**

(big budget) blockbuster

(comedy) actress

(Hollywood) remake

(happy/ surprise) ending

(twist in the) plot

a work

animation/ cartoon

antihero

bad guy

camerawork/ cinematography

character

cop movie

costume drama/ historical drama

directed by

director

domestic drama

fantasy

heroic/ heroine/ good guy

hit movie

lead actor

murder mystery/ whodunit

performance

play

program/ programme

prequel

rom com

scene

scenery

sci-fi

score

script

sequel

setting

sitcom

soap opera

soundtrack

special effects

starring...

superhero movie

### **Vocabulary connected to food and restaurants**

atmosphere

bill/ check

chef

crockery  
cutlery  
décor  
dessert  
dish  
drinks menu  
main course  
reservation  
service  
starter  
waiting staff

### **Positive adjectives**

(multi) award-winning  
(far) better  
action-packed  
addictive  
amazing  
attractive  
captivating  
classic  
cosmopolitan  
delicious/ tasty  
delightful  
distinctive  
dramatic  
efficient  
enchanting  
excellent  
exceptional  
exciting  
fantastic  
fun  
funny  
gripping  
haunting  
impeccable  
impressive  
intriguing  
memorable  
moving  
original  
outstanding  
polite  
professional  
realistic  
satisfying  
sophisticated

stunning  
subtle  
superb  
tasteful  
thrilling  
unforgettable  
unique  
uplifting  
value for money

### **Other positive expressions**

A strong point of... is...  
adore/ love  
Don't miss...  
I can't recommend... enough.  
I couldn't get enough of...  
I highly/ thoroughly recommend...  
I'd recommend it for...  
I'd rush out and...  
If you like..., you'll love...  
(really) keen on  
one in a million  
stands out from the crowd  
You mustn't miss...  
You shouldn't miss...  
You won't regret...

### **Negative adjectives**

bland  
cheesy  
clichéd  
depressing  
disappointing  
disgusting  
dull  
forgettable  
irritating  
melodramatic  
monotonous  
notorious  
over the top  
overpriced  
predictable  
repetitive  
revolting  
tasteless  
unoriginal

### **Other negative expressions**

(You should) avoid...

Don't bother with...

I am/ I'd be in no hurry to...

I couldn't (really) get into

I didn't find it very...

I wasn't too keen on...

I wouldn't (really) recommend...

I wouldn't bother with...

My main criticism of... is...

don't bother...

only suitable for

... didn't meet my expectations.

.... wasn't (at all) what I expected.

*Describe one of the things below until your partner guesses what it is. Do they agree with your description?*

- A restaurant or chain of restaurants that you probably both know (including cafés and fast food restaurants)
- A film which you probably both know
- A TV programme which you probably both know
- A play which you probably both know (maybe from a movie adaptation of it)
- A book which you probably both know

*You can include other descriptions if your partner can't guess from the expressions above.*

*Choose one of the words above which you didn't know before today's class and say things which you would describe that way until they guess what it is.*

*Choose one thing which you could review and try to agree on a description of it, including as many of the expressions above as you can.*

*Choose one of the expressions above which you haven't used yet and didn't know before today's class and try to agree on something that it describes.*