

ENGLISH



FILL IN THE BLANKS

A Fill in the Blank question consists of a phrase, sentence, or paragraph with a blank space where a student provides the missing word or words. There are many types of fill in the blanks questions like single blank, multiple blanks, multiple choice for blanks etc.

Sample

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of present tense from those given in brackets.

- a) I am attempting the Civil Services exam coming up, so I (am/ is) studying hard these days.
- b) My grandmother (carries/ carrying) a walking stick when she goes out for a walk.
- c) Shashi isn't at home. She (is/ are) out shopping with our father.
- d) Can you speak louder please, I..... (am not/ cannot) hear you.
- e) My widower uncle often (coming/comes) to our house for lunch on Sundays.
- f) Since he changed his job, he (found/ has found) more time to relax and enjoy his hobby.
- g) I feel proud of my team as it (performed/ has performed) very well.
- h) Look! They (gossip and while away/are gossiping and whiling away) their time.
- i) An apple a day (keeps/is keeping) the doctor away.
- j) By profession, an artist (creates/is creating) a picture
- k) whereas an author (writes/is writing) a book.

1. Answer

- (a) am
- (b) carries
- (c) is
- (d) cannot
- (e) comes
- (f) has found
- (g) has performed
- (h) are gossiping and whiling away
- (i) keeps
- (j) creates, writes

2. Fill in the blanks in the telephone conversation given below with the correct present tense form of the verb given in brackets.

Sameer: Savita! How **(a)**..... (be) you? This is Sameer.

Savita: Ahhh..Sameer! I **(b)**(be) fine. How are you?

Sameer: I'm great, thanks.

Savita: That **(c)**(be) good. So, what's up?

Sameer: Well, I **(d)** (has) a problem for you to solve.

Savita: Sure, just say it.

Sameer: My motorcycle **(e)**(be) defective. I **(f)** (try) to repair it for days. I **(g)** (not, know) what is wrong with it. I **(h)** (no, can, fix) it.

2. Answers

(a) are

(b) am

(c) is

(d) have

(e) is

(f) have been trying

(g) do not know

(h) cannot fix

3. Read the story given below and fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms.

Once upon a time there _____ (live) a man called Damocles. A friend of his eventually _____ (become) the ruler of a small city. Damocles thought, 'How lucky my friend _____ (be). He _____ (be) now a ruler. He must _____ (have) a great time. He _____ have fine clothes, lots of money and a number of servants. I wish I _____ (have) his luck.' He _____ (decide) to visit his friend to enjoy his hospitality. When he _____ (reach) the palace, the king himself _____ (receive) him with respect and affection. Damocles then _____ (tell) the king that he _____ (be) indeed a lucky man. The king _____ (smile). He _____ (invite) his friend to have dinner with him.

3. Answers

Once upon a time there **lived** a man called Damocles. A friend of his eventually **became** the ruler of a small city. Damocles thought, 'How lucky my friend **is**. He **is** now a ruler. He must **be having** a great time. He must **have** fine clothes, lots of money and a number of servants. I wish I **had** his luck.' He **decided** to visit his friend to enjoy his hospitality. When he **reached** the palace, the king himself **received** him with respect and affection. Damocles then **told** the king that he **was** indeed a lucky man. The king **smiled**. He **invited** his friend to have dinner with him.

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable option given below.

(i) Four independent _____ testified to seeing him at the scene of the crime.

- (a) person
- (b) witnesses
- (c) spectator
- (d) attestant

(ii) Could I have a _____ of chocolate?

- (a) block
- (b) bar
- (c) slice
- (d) piece

(iii) There is something wonderful _____ him

- (a) of
- (b) about
- (c) for
- (d) inside

(iv) Increasingly, post-graduate students are asked to become teaching assistants in order to _____ undergraduates

- (a) instruct
- (b) drill
- (c) inform
- (d) teach

(v) My husband asked him if he'd ever been convicted _____ a crime

- (a) with
- (b) of

(c) by

(d) on

(vi) To err is _____ to forgive is divine

(a) humanity

(b) mankind

(c) human

(d) inhumanity

(vii) She lived _____ juice for ten days to slim down for the fashion show

(a) with

(b) by

(c) in

(d) off

(viii) I'm sorry _____ you can't come to the party

(a) that

(b) with

(c) for

(d) to

(ix) Make only a few rules for students that emphasize _____ behaviour

(a) correct

(b) fitting

(c) appropriate

(d) useful

(x) I usually have bread and butter for breakfast, but yesterday I _____ pasta

(a) have been

(b) had been

(c) have

(d) had

4. Answers

(b) witnesses

(b) bar

(b) about

(a) instruct

- (b) of
- (c) human(d) off
- (a) that
- (c) appropriate
- (d) had

5. Fill in the blanks with an Articles

- a) Sohan was honest boy.
- b) There was hotel. They went to hotel.
- c) Mohan is not European boy.
- d) Johan was English boy.
- e) There was university.
- f) There is elephant.
- g) Ganges is sacred river.
- h) He brought umbrella from market.
- i) Bible is holy book.
- j) boy is sitting at door. Go and call boy.

5. Answer

- (a) an
- (b) a
- (c) a
- (d) an
- (e) a
- (f) an
- (g) The, a
- (h) an, the
- (i) The ,a
- (j) The, a, a