

Oxford Word List A2

Gap-Fill Exercises | Book 5 | Units 17–20

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Language & Communication

Speaking, writing and understanding

WORDBOX

conversation	correct	describe	express
fluent	formal	meaning	message
misunderstand	pronounce	reply	translate

★ One word does not fit any gap.

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose eleven words from the box to complete the text. One word is a distractor — it does not fit any gap. Write the correct word on each line.

When we learn a new language, one of the first things we practise is how to _____ (1) words correctly. If you say a word in the wrong way, people may _____ (2) you. It takes time and practice to get it right.

Writing a _____ (3) to someone you do not know — for example, a professor or an employer — is different from writing to a friend. You need to use _____ (4) language: complete sentences, polite words, and a clear structure.

When you have a _____ (5) with someone in a second language, try not to worry too much about mistakes. The goal is to _____ (6) your ideas clearly so that the other person understands what you mean.

Sometimes a word has more than one _____ (7). When you _____ (8) a text from one language to another, you need to choose the right word for the right situation. A dictionary can help, but experience is even better.

If someone asks you a question, always try to _____ (9) quickly and politely. It is also useful to _____ (10) things in detail — for example, how a place looks or how a person feels. This skill makes your language much richer.

When you read a text, try to think about what the writer wants to _____ (11). Understanding the message behind the words is just as important as understanding each word

on its own.

WORDBOX

branch	breathe	creature	grow
habitat	hunt	insect	seed
shadow	soil	species	survive

★ One word does not fit any gap.

Every living _____ (1) on Earth needs certain conditions to _____ (2). Without clean water, enough food, and the right temperature, plants and animals cannot stay alive for long.

The _____ (3) of an animal is the natural place where it lives. When humans cut down trees or build on land, many _____ (4) lose their homes. Some of them disappear completely — we call this extinction.

Plants need sunlight, water, and good _____ (5) to _____ (6) well. A small _____ (7) put in the ground in spring can become a tall tree in a few years. Each _____ (8) of that tree may then become home to birds and small animals.

Many animals _____ (9) other animals for food. This is a natural part of life. Even a tiny _____ (10) — such as a bee or an ant — plays an important role in keeping nature in balance.

All living things need to _____ (11). Plants take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. Animals do the opposite. This exchange keeps the air on our planet clean and healthy.

WORDBOX

appearance	casual	choose	fabric
fit	impress	neat	outfit
pattern	uniform	wardrobe	wear

★ One word does not fit any gap.

The way we look — our _____ (1) — says a lot about us before we even speak. People notice what we _____ (2) and how we present ourselves, especially in a professional setting.

Choosing the right _____ (3) for a job interview is important. You want to look _____ (4) and well-dressed. Make sure your clothes are clean and that they _____ (5) you well — not too big and not too small.

For everyday life, most young people prefer _____ (6) clothes: jeans, a simple top, and comfortable shoes. But knowing when to dress up and when to dress down is a useful social skill.

Some workplaces require a _____ (7). This can feel limiting, but it also means you do not need to _____ (8) what to wear every morning. Your whole _____ (9) can be simple if you have a clear dress code.

The _____ (10) of a piece of clothing tells you a lot about its quality. Natural materials like cotton and wool feel better on the skin than cheap synthetic ones. A simple _____ (11) — like small checks or thin stripes — can make an outfit look more interesting without being too loud.

WORDBOX

arrest	crime	escape	evidence
guilty	judge	lock	punishment
safe	steal	victim	witness

★ One word does not fit any gap.

Every society has rules to help people stay _____ (1). When someone breaks these rules and commits a _____ (2), there are serious consequences. The legal system exists to protect people and make sure life is fair.

If someone tries to _____ (3) your belongings, you should call the police immediately. Do not try to stop the person yourself — it can be dangerous. A _____ (4) is the person who suffers from a crime, and they need support.

When the police _____ (5) a suspect, they take them to the police station for questioning. A _____ (6) who saw what happened can be very helpful. Their statement can change the result of the case.

In a court, a _____ (7) listens to both sides of the case and makes a decision. If the person is found _____ (8), they receive a _____ (9). This could be a fine, community service, or time in prison.

It is important to _____ (10) your home when you leave — even if you are only going out for a short time. Most burglars look for easy opportunities. If they cannot _____ (11) quickly, they usually give up and move on.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 17 — Language & Communication

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| 1. pronounce | 2. misunderstand |
| 3. message | 4. formal |
| 5. conversation | 6. express |
| 7. meaning | 8. translate |
| 9. reply | 10. describe |
| 11. correct | |

◆ *Distractor: fluent*

Exercise 18 — The Natural World

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| 1. creature | 2. survive |
| 3. habitat | 4. species |
| 5. soil | 6. grow |
| 7. seed | 8. branch |
| 9. hunt | 10. insect |
| 11. breathe | |

◆ *Distractor: shadow*

Exercise 19 — Clothes & Appearance

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| 1. appearance | 2. wear |
| 3. outfit | 4. neat |
| 5. fit | 6. casual |
| 7. uniform | 8. choose |
| 9. wardrobe | 10. fabric |
| 11. pattern | |

◆ *Distractor: impress*

Exercise 20 — Crime & Safety

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| 1. safe | 2. crime |
| 3. steal | 4. victim |
| 5. arrest | 6. witness |
| 7. judge | 8. guilty |

9. punishment

10. lock

11. escape

◆ *Distractor: evidence*