

Sample Cloze Master Text

This sample cloze focuses on comprehension of the text and asking basic Wh- questions. Thus names, things, and locations have been cut out of it. However, this exercise could focus on verb tenses, key plot details, or even pronouns.

Keep the original text for checking answers.

The original text

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"She's in her hotel room across the street."

"Good. And what is the job?"

"Your job is to watch and see who she meets."

"And who is she?"

"She is the thief who stole the Faith Diamond."

Version A

Fill in the blanks by asking your partner for the missing information. Then answer the questions that your partner asks you. Be sure to use well-formed questions. The blanks may be single words or longer phrases.

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Version B

Fill in the blanks by asking your partner for the missing information. Then answer the questions that your partner asks you. Be sure to use well-formed questions. The blanks may be single words or longer phrases.

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