



# How Can an Open Cloze Help English Learners Recall Vocabulary?

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## Purpose

An open cloze removes the answer choices and asks learners to generate a word that fits the gap. This makes them retrieve language from memory instead of simply recognising the correct option. Support can be added afterwards if they need it.

## Try this in your next lesson

Recall: learners fill the gaps without options.

## Our suggested routine

- ☐ Recall: learners fill the gaps without options.
- ☐ Compare: pairs discuss their answers and alternatives.
- ☐ Reveal: show the word bank or answer key.
- ☐ Discuss any different answers that could also work.
- ☐ Ask learners to reuse two of the target words in new sentences.

## After the attempt

What worked? What needs another model or a smaller step? Note one change for next time.

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