

# Arctic Circle see highest ever temperature

## GAP FILL

from <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-56911111>

Meteorologists have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ another indication of global warming being in full swing. Temperatures in the Arctic Circle hit an all-time (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday, with the mercury (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 38° Celsius in the Siberian town of Verkhoyansk. The town currently holds the Guinness World Record for the greatest temperature (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from a low of minus 68°C to a high of 37.3°C. The record heat is 18 degrees higher than the daily average for June. The Arctic Circle has been experiencing a heatwave for (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of this year. Temperatures have averaged 10 degrees above normal. This is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ alarm bells with climatologists, who say the Arctic Circle is warming at twice the rate of the global (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*topping*  
*much*  
*range*  
*average*  
*observed*  
*ringing*  
*record*  
*fluctuates*

Atmosphere scientist Professor Dann Mitchell (9) \_\_\_\_\_ his concern on rising temperatures. He told the BBC: "Year-on-year temperature records are being (10) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world, but the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth, so it is unsurprising to see records being broken in this (12) \_\_\_\_\_. We will see more of this in the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ future." Professor Chris Rapley of University College London said: "This is a warning message from the Earth itself. We ignore it at our (14) \_\_\_\_\_." Scientists say higher temperatures in Siberia could accelerate global warming. Melting Siberian permafrost is releasing (15) \_\_\_\_\_ levels of the greenhouse gasses carbon dioxide and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ into the atmosphere.

*peril*  
*expressed*  
*broken*  
*methane*  
*region*  
*alarming*  
*near*  
*else*

## LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/06/24-air-bridges-open-to-allow-more-people-to-travel/>

There is a new meaning for the word "air bridge". Before the coronavirus pandemic started, an air bridge was the walkway that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an airport departure lounge to an airplane's door. Now, it also (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an agreement that people can travel between two countries. Many people are also calling this a "travel bubble". Australia and New Zealand have an air bridge as (3) \_\_\_\_\_ countries have successfully managed their responses to the coronavirus. The United Kingdom has also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ air bridge agreements with several other countries. The agreements mean there are no quarantine (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for those travelling between the countries. Travellers currently (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to quarantine for two weeks in the UK.

Travellers arriving in the UK must (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the government of their contact details, travel details and the address of where they will isolate for two weeks. Anyone who breaks the 14-day quarantine period will get a (8) \_\_\_\_\_. However, the UK is trying to open (9) \_\_\_\_\_ its economy and allow more people to enter the country without the 14-day quarantine. It wants to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ visitors from France, Greece, Portugal and Spain to enter the country. A British newspaper said these countries are "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ advantageous" to the UK economy. The newspaper reported that the UK is also (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about air bridges with Australia, Bermuda, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar and Montserrat.

### Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                  |              |              |
|-----|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) looked    | (b) jinxed       | (c) linked   | (d) lucked   |
| 2.  | (a) means     | (b) meaning      | (c) meant    | (d) meanie   |
| 3.  | (a) both      | (b) every        | (c) whole    | (d) once     |
| 4.  | (a) signed    | (b) raised       | (c) binned   | (d) asked    |
| 5.  | (a) necessity | (b) requirements | (c) viruses  | (d) vaccines |
| 6.  | (a) stay      | (b) travel       | (c) lose     | (d) need     |
| 7.  | (a) conform   | (b) reform       | (c) inform   | (d) form     |
| 8.  | (a) well      | (b) good         | (c) OK       | (d) fine     |
| 9.  | (a) up        | (b) in           | (c) on       | (d) down     |
| 10. | (a) allow     | (b) allowance    | (c) allowed  | (d) allows   |
| 11. | (a) must      | (b) most         | (c) vast     | (d) just     |
| 12. | (a) thinks    | (b) thought      | (c) thinking | (d) think    |

# Open Cloze Worksheet 6

For each space, choose ONE word which you think best completes the sentence. Look carefully at the words both before and after each space.

1. We got to the shop as early as possible but someone \_\_\_\_\_ obviously arrived there before us. The last copy of the book was gone!
2. What a gorgeous apartment you live in, Cathy! You have very original taste \_\_\_\_\_ furniture.
3. My husband and I just got back from a week in that mountain spa you recommended. It \_\_\_\_\_ us the world of good!
4. The company is very profitable even though it was only set \_\_\_\_\_ three years ago.
5. All passengers in a car \_\_\_\_\_ to wear seat-belts in the UK.
6. We don't know yet how successful the company will be this year. A lot depends \_\_\_\_\_ how our sales go in Asia.
7. If you see Mr. Gordon, can you tell \_\_\_\_\_ we need to speak as soon as possible.
8. It was an awful experience having to talk in front of the whole school \_\_\_\_\_ such a long time.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

HAVE      HIM      ON      DID

IN      UP      FOR      HAD

31. When I \_\_\_ home, I \_\_\_ a friend of mine.  
 A) was going / met                      B) go / meet  
 C) was going / was meeting      D) are going / meet  
 E) were going / met
32. I \_\_\_ terrible when I \_\_\_ that morning.  
 A) felt / wake up                      B) feels / wake up  
 C) felt / woke up                      D) feel / woke up  
 E) felt / had woken up
33. When they \_\_\_ about it there \_\_\_ much trouble.  
 A) finds out / be                      B) found out / were  
 C) is finding out / is                      D) find out / will be  
 E) found out / had been
34. Lane \_\_\_ through the morning papers when the telephone \_\_\_ .  
 A) was looking / rang                      B) were looking / rang  
 C) are looking / rung                      D) have looked / ring  
 E) looked / is ringing
35. A ship \_\_\_ near the Malta Islands when the men on board \_\_\_ a dolphin in the water.  
 A) was fishing / noticed                      B) fished / noticed  
 C) was fishing / will notice                      D) is fishing / noticed  
 E) fished / notices
36. How fast \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ when the accident \_\_\_?  
 A) were / driving / happened                      B) did / drive / was happening  
 C) will / drive / had happened                      D) are / driving / will happen  
 E) - / drive / happens
37. I \_\_\_ my hand when I \_\_\_ the dinner.  
 A) was burning / cooked                      B) had burnt / am cooking  
 C) shall burn / shall cook                      D) burnt / was cooking  
 E) have burnt / cooked
38. We \_\_\_ ready when you \_\_\_ home.  
 A) are / will come                      B) shall / come  
 C) shall be / will come                      D) shall be / come  
 E) will be / come
39. Two hours ago when the children \_\_\_ in the yard a terrible storm \_\_\_ .  
 A) were playing / began  
 B) played / began  
 C) were playing / were beginning  
 D) played / were beginning  
 E) play / begins
40. It \_\_\_ for three hours when we \_\_\_ home.  
 A) will have been raining / came  
 B) is raining / come  
 C) rained / came  
 D) rains / came  
 E) had been raining / came
41. While we \_\_\_ an article mother \_\_\_ dinner.  
 A) were translated / was cooking  
 B) were translating / cooked  
 C) have been translating / is cooking  
 D) translated / had cooked  
 E) are translating / was cooking
42. He looked at the carpet while \_\_\_ for her answer.  
 A) to wait                      B) be waiting  
 C) waiting                      D) waited  
 E) having waited
43. While the woman \_\_\_ her children quickly passed her and \_\_\_ upstairs.  
 A) was talking / was going                      B) was talking / went  
 C) talks / went                      D) were talking / went  
 E) talked / went
44. I understood that while the student \_\_\_ I couldn't enter the room.  
 A) would be examined                      B) is examining  
 C) was examined                      D) was being examined  
 E) is examined
46. While you \_\_\_ a rest, we \_\_\_ the task.  
 A) were having / did                      B) have / do  
 C) shall have / done                      D) have had / did  
 E) is having / do
48. \_\_\_ while he was having breakfast.  
 A) He climbed the fence                      B) His pen stopped writing  
 C) He fell off the ladder                      D) He bit his tongue  
 E) He painted the ceiling
49. Mary \_\_\_ Nick where he \_\_\_ after graduating from the University.  
 A) asked / works                      B) ask / would work  
 C) ask / worked                      D) asked / would work  
 E) asked / has worked
50. We \_\_\_ into the room where the old man \_\_\_ . He was seriously ill.  
 A) go / lies                      B) goes / lie  
 C) went / is lying                      D) went / was lying  
 E) was going / was lying
51. Mrs. Black \_\_\_ into the room where her husband \_\_\_ and began to cry.  
 A) comes / sits                      B) came / was sitting  
 C) came / sat                      D) came / were sitting  
 E) was coming / sat
52. As soon as he \_\_\_ to Copenhagen he \_\_\_ us a letter.  
 A) get / send                      B) gets / sends  
 C) gets / will send                      D) got / should send  
 E) got / has sent
53. I \_\_\_ you as soon as we \_\_\_ the contract.  
 A) shall call / sign                      B) call / sign  
 C) called / sign                      D) would call / sign  
 E) is calling / are signing
54. As soon as I \_\_\_ the result I \_\_\_ you know.  
 A) hear / shall let                      B) will hear / will let  
 C) hear / let                      D) heard / let  
 E) have heard / let
55. As soon as the guests \_\_\_ we \_\_\_ our party.  
 A) will come / began                      B) comes / begin  
 C) will come / begin                      D) come / shall begin  
 E) come / begin
56. I was in the supermarket. As soon as I \_\_\_ for the goods somebody \_\_\_ me.  
 A) paid / would push                      B) had paid / pushed  
 C) have paid / pushed                      D) pay / will push  
 E) have paid / is pushing
57. As soon as we \_\_\_ the house we \_\_\_ to it.  
 A) shall build / move                      B) build / shall move  
 C) will build / shall move                      D) built / shall move  
 E) build / move
58. As soon as he \_\_\_ to see me, we \_\_\_ chess.  
 A) will come / shall play  
 B) comes / shall play  
 C) will come / play  
 D) comes / play  
 E) came / play

37. His selling a painting for 100,000 dollars has been the highest **attainment** of his career.  
A) desire                      B) spectacle                      C) achievement  
D) joy                              E) expectation
38. Psychologists believe that the **attraction** of gambling stems from the thrill and tension of taking a chance.  
A) action                      B) manner                      C) repulsion  
D) appeal                      E) advance
39. The actor raised his voice in order to be **audible** in the balcony.  
A) musical                      B) dramatic                      C) solitary  
D) heard                              E) appreciated
40. Many countries nowadays restrict the exportation of **authentic** artifacts.  
A) particular                      B) rare                              C) tentative  
D) costly                              E) genuine
41. The department chairmen refused to **authorize** the requisition.  
A) request                      B) transfer                      C) grant  
D) project                              E) invalidate
42. The notices on the wall at the airport are not **available** for the passengers' perusal.  
A) offered                      B) accessible                      C) acceptable  
D) accountable                      E) arbitrary
43. The driver tried to **avert** the accident by bringing the car to a sudden halt, but to no avail.  
A) cause                              B) control                              C) minimize  
D) prevent                              E) witnessed
44. **Avid** pop music lovers stand in lines for hours to get a ticket to a jazz concert.  
A) bored                              B) lunatic                              C) eager  
D) tedious                              B) crazy
45. Reading daily newspapers makes us **aware** of what is going on in the world.  
A) knowledgeable                      B) ignorant                              C) alike  
D) dependent                              E) related
46. Some hotels in the United States have imposed a **ban** on cigarette smoking.  
A) restriction                      B) guarantee                              C) fin  
D) Punishment                              E) prohibition
47. All students should **bear in mind** that these books must be read by mid-semester.  
A) remember                      B) memorize                              C) decide  
D) overlook                              E) declare
48. The Arabic term from which the word "coffee" derives originally referred to the bitter quality of the **beverage** itself.  
A) plant                              B) substance                              C) drink  
D) infusion                              E) liquid
49. Autistic people usually have unexpected and **bizarre** responses to their environment.  
A) inconspicuous                      B) ordinary                              C) usual  
D) passionate                              E) strange
50. If you never do any work, you'll only have yourself to **blame** when you cannot live comfortably.  
A) accuse                              B) approve                              C) to appreciate  
D) deplore                              E) pity
51. Some of the main roads will be closed until the **blizzard** ends.  
A) snowstorm                      B) hurricane                              C) tornado  
D) thunderstorm                              E) disorder
52. The enemy's attempt at a **blockade** of the port was unsuccessful.  
A) expedition                      B) opening                              C) landing  
D) closure                              E) probe
53. The use of fertilizers and improved methods of controlling plant and animal diseases has **boosted** farm product.  
A) exaggerated                      B) supplemented                              C) increased  
D) extended                              E) submitted
54. I hate people **breaking in** on a conversation without waiting for the speaker to stop talking.  
A) Interrupting                      B) withdrawing from                              C) seizing  
D) regarding                              E) allowing
55. The young man earned the reputation of a **brilliant** lawyer during two fabulous law cases.  
A) remarkable                      B) shining                              C) studious  
D) mediocre                              E) promising
56. Before taking a test on vocabulary, one had better **brush up** on his or her vocabulary.  
A) outline                              B) translate                              C) revise  
D) review                              E) memorize
57. We were shocked by the **brutality** of the hooligans. They were simply like a herd of violent animals.  
A) politeness                      B) foolishness                              C) eagerness  
D) happiness                              E) cruelty
58. The **bulk** of the wheat exported from Brazil comes from the southern part.  
A) majority                              B) surplus                              C) best  
D) profitability                              E) unity
59. George Washington's great grandfather came to live in America **by accident**.  
A) due to a calamity                      B) unintentionally                              C) adversely  
D) decisively                              E) unwittingly
60. Further arms limitations talks were **called off** when Congress failed to ratify the treaty.  
A) cancelled                              B) postponed                              C) scheduled  
D) interrupted                              E) announced
61. A **careful** teacher spends hours preparing for classes and correcting students papers.  
A) creative                              B) leading                              C) skillful  
D) conscientious                              E) honest
62. The monetarist **case** has been vividly expressed by Milton Friedman.  
A) issue                              B) argument                              C) example  
D) strongbox                              E) oddment
63. The hurricane that hit the city had a **catastrophic** effect because most of the buildings were constructed of wood.  
A) categories                              B) disastrous                              C) frightening  
D) blowing                              E) strenuous
64. I have a **cavity** that causes me a lot of pain.  
A) burn on the arm                      B) hole in a tooth                              C) cut on the leg  
D) bruise on the body                      E) injury on the body
65. Picasso was a **celebrated** Italian painter.  
A) artistic                              B) colorful                              C) well-known  
D) knowledgeable                              E) elusive
66. The judge let the university student off with **clemency** and a stern warning.  
A) vengefulness                      B) revenge                              C) brutality  
D) mercy                              E) culmination
67. For order to grow out of the **chaos** of the universe took millions of years.  
A) adjustment                      B) change                              C) confusion  
D) oscillation                              E) nebulousity
68. The cost of imported products can be increased with a special **charge** called a tariff.  
A) rate                              B) debt                              C) regulation  
D) fee                              E) currency
69. The **charges** brought against the old politician finally hurt nothing but his vanity, as suggested by his supporters.  
A) assumptions                      B) prospects                              C) accusations  
D) images                              E) defenses
70. The two leaders had a **chat** before beginning formal negotiations.  
A) disagreement                      B) serious discussion  
C) heated argument                      D) friendly, unimportant talk  
E) high-level conference
71. A nursery school is school **chiefly** for three or four-year old children.  
A) primarily                      B) exclusively                              C) originally  
D) designed                              E) certainly
72. We were asked to list the **chronology** of events in the War of Independence on our history test.  
A) catastrophe                      B) time sequence                              C) disaster  
D) discrepancy                              E) revolution

Topic: **COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS 3** | Level: **ADVANCED**

Below you'll find pairs of words that are commonly confused (or misspelled) in writing. Choose the correct response to complete each of the sentences:

1. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ help for our cause.  
a) illicit    b) elicit
2. His website was banned because of \_\_\_\_\_ content.  
a) illicit    b) elicit
3. The Lakers \_\_\_\_\_ the Knicks after three quarters.  
a) lead    b) led
4. This water is unsafe to drink because it contains \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) led    b) lead
5. That was obviously an \_\_\_\_\_ to his previous novel.  
a) allusion    b) illusion
6. The ventriloquist creates the \_\_\_\_\_ that a puppet can talk.  
a) allusion    b) illusion
7. Make sure you \_\_\_\_\_ all of your references.  
a) cite    b) sight
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two men in a dark alley scared him.  
a) sight    b) cite
9. This \_\_\_\_\_ is a great place to practice English grammar.  
a) sight    b) site
10. \_\_\_\_\_ parents are German, aren't they?  
a) You're    b) Your

15. My aunt has lived in Canada ---- 15 years.
- A) since
  - B) by
  - C) for
  - D) until
16. My hair is wet. I ---- it.
- A) have just washed
  - B) haven't just wash
  - C) had just washed
  - D) has just washed
17. Are Diana and Paul here? No, they ---- yet.
- A) has arrived
  - B) were arrived
  - C) have arrived
  - D) haven't arrived
18. ---- you ever ---- to New York? Yes, twice.
- A) Has, been
  - B) Have, been
  - C) Have, be
  - D) Were, been
19. I ---- my passport. I can't find it.
- A) have lost
  - B) was losing
  - C) were lost
  - D) lose
20. They've lived in that house ---- they were children.
- A) for
  - B) during
  - C) since
  - D) until
21. It's the best movie ----. You should definitely go and see it.
- A) I ever saw
  - B) I've ever seen
  - C) I've never seen
  - D) I've already seen

22. How long ---- you lived together?
- A) do
  - B) did
  - C) has
  - D) have
23. Has he ---- here for a long time?
- A) live
  - B) stay
  - C) living
  - D) lived
24. Nora ---- in London since 1981.
- A) has been living
  - B) would live
  - C) was living
  - D) lived
25. I've known James ---- many years.
- A) since
  - B) for
  - C) by
  - D) at
26. Things ---- a lot in recent years.
- A) has changed
  - B) have changed
  - C) changed
  - D) change
27. I ---- you for ages.
- A) haven't seen
  - B) didn't see
  - C) see
  - D) was see
28. The economy of the country ---- a lot over the last decade.
- A) Is improving
  - B) would improve
  - C) has improved
  - D) improved
29. We ---- ten countries so far.
- A) have been visiting
  - B) have visited
  - C) visited
  - D) were visiting



## ALL TENSES MIX

1. Normally, I --- easily from the flu, but so far this year I --- to do so.
  - A) am recovering / hadn't managed
  - B) had recovered / aren't going to manage
  - C) have been recovering / manage
  - D) recover / haven't managed
  
2. You ---- for three months by the time you ---- ten pounds.
  - A) have been dieting / will be losing
  - B) will have been dieting / will have lost
  - C) had dieted / lost
  - D) were dieting / had lost
  
3. I ---- the apples while you --- the cake.
  - A) was peeling / were making
  - B) was peeling / had made
  - C) peel / will have made
  - D) will peel / made
  
4. For the past 24 hours, a tropical storm --- the houses of many villages in the area.
  - A) was going to batter
  - B) battered
  - C) has been battering
  - D) had been battering
  
5. By 1920, World War I ----.
  - A) will have ended
  - B) have ended
  - C) had ended
  - D) ended
  
6. Over recent years, Facebook --- a major addiction among teenagers.
  - A) is becoming
  - B) has become
  - C) had become
  - D) will have become
  
7. Chinese industry --- a lot in all around the world since 2000.
  - A) dominate
  - B) were dominating
  - C) will have dominated
  - D) has dominated
  
8. When they ---- at the gas station, they ..... non-stop for seven hours.
  - A) stop / will drive
  - B) were stopping / drove
  - C) stopped / had been driving
  - D) will stop / have driven
  
9. The student ---- into the class in excitement because he --- that the teacher was going to announce the winner of the writing competition.
  - A) was running / was learning
  - B) ran / is going to learn
  - C) will have run / has learned
  - D) ran / had leaned
  
10. After she ---- to submit her project for the third time, the teacher ---- to accept it again.
  - A) is failing / is refusing
  - B) has failed / had refused
  - C) was failing / will refuse
  - D) had failed / refused
  
11. As the protestors --- the road, we --- a time-consuming detour around the park.
  - A) are blocking / were making
  - B) will block / had made
  - C) had blocked / made
  - D) will have blocked / had been making





● Same Sound 7

**Directions:** Find the word that has the same sound as the underlined letter or letters in the first word.

**Board** sounds like **tore**.



Example:

<b><u>BOARD</u> :</b>	A. boat <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. tore C. scared D. card
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1)

<b><u>APPLE</u> :</b>	A. map B. make C. tank D. rock
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6)

<b><u>BROTHER</u> :</b>	A. go B. pot C. mud D. move
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2)

<b><u>TWO</u> :</b>	A. new B. put C. won D. wool
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7)

<b><u>THIS</u> :</b>	A. think B. through C. there D. thick
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3)

<b><u>WANTED</u> :</b>	A. called B. stayed C. helped D. needed
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8)

<b><u>COMPUTER</u> :</b>	A. up B. mute C. put D. room
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4)

<b><u>SHOULD</u> :</b>	A. wood B. tool C. dangerous D. bought
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9)

<b><u>OIL</u> :</b>	A. hot B. new C. boy D. shoe
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5)

<b><u>WORD</u> :</b>	A. learn B. board C. farm D. born
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10)

<b><u>CRISIS</u> :</b>	A. we B. fit C. night D. free
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