

CAE Reading and Use of English

Part 7

Exam Technique

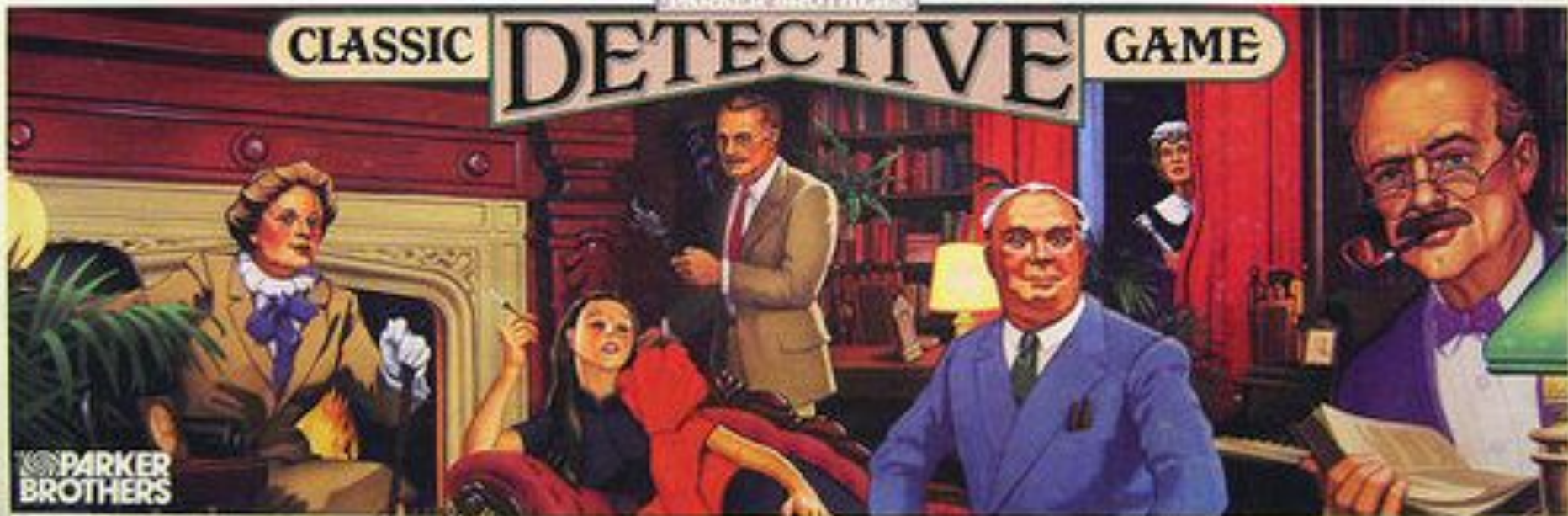
Clue

PARKER BROTHERS

CLASSIC

DETECTIVE

GAME



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Part 2

You are going to read an extract from a magazine article. Six paragraphs have been removed from the extract. Choose from the paragraphs A–G the one which fits each gap (7–12). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

A pastime to bring peace of mind

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This is an example of a part 7 task. There are 12 points available in this part, 2 for each correct answer. Depending on how difficult you find this part decide how much time to give yourself 15/20 minutes.

Text Preparation



Text preparation involves looking for “anchors” in the text either side of the gaps and in the missing paragraphs. Anchors are words that give us information about their location in a text, they could be:

- Pronouns: he / she / it / this / that etc.
- Possessive adjectives: his / her / its etc.
- Linkers: So, however, but, then, afterwards etc.
- Other reference words / parts of structures: too / either / parts of conditionals / comparisons.

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Once upon a time there was a boy named **James**. [1]
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B - **She** got very sick and went to hospital.

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A - **It** was watched by **8 million people**.

B - **One** was Simon Baron-Cohen, brother of the famous **comedian**.

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B - However, there were many unforeseen challenges.

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A - **These days**, however, they are free to choose projects that interest them.

B - More movies are **now** made in India than in Los Angeles.

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B - I felt like I was on top of the world, like that woman in that movie.

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Underline the anchors. Now look at the paragraphs for the corresponding information.

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Connection in Missing Paragraph

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Sometimes there aren't any anchors in the text, as we see in gap 12. However, by finding anchors for all the other gaps it makes it easier to eliminate other paragraphs.

Now do the same for the paragraphs.

Here is an example:

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Answer Key

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8-f

9-b

10-e

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