

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: TO

Goodwood Festival of Speed

Every year, car enthusiasts come **0** _____ West Sussex for what is acknowledged **9** _____ one of the greatest events car culture has to offer: Goodwood Festival of Speed. As the name of this gathering suggests, participants compete **10** _____ showing the best time on a short race track. Race and road cars, both old and new, try to set the best time within their class. Because of the breakneck speeds, occasional crashes are **11** _____ unheard of. There is also an exhibition of iconic vehicles if racing is not **12** _____ thing.

You can see everything the event has for a reasonable admission fee **13** _____ 50 pounds. This, **14** _____, does not include a parking fee, unless you happen to drive some exotic vehicle. In this case, you will **15** _____ given exclusive access to a premium parking lot next to the paddock. Visitors are also encouraged to pitch a tent at the camping site, as the festival is usually four days long. If you are seeking a more comfortable experience, hotel reservations are available with a selection of rooms to suit even the **16** _____ demanding customers.

Answers and explanations

9. **as.** ‘To acknowledge as something’ means to recognise it, to accept it for what it is.
10. **in.** To compete in doing something. ‘To compete with’ is wrong as it means competing with somebody, and contextually, we talk about the aim of the competition rather than the opponents.
11. **not.** A case of using double negative structure is used here: ‘NOT UNheard of’ means that they actually happen.
12. **your.** If something is not your thing, it means that you do not find it interesting.
13. **of.** An admission fee is payment to be allowed to enter some event, e.g. a concert or a competition (as a spectator). ‘An admission fee of’ is used when you specify how much you have to pay in order to be admitted (to be let inside).
14. **however.** An important contrasting element is added using the introductory word ‘however’, which has to have commas around it as it is located in the middle of the sentence.
15. **be.** A common use of passive voice, that requires ‘to be’ in the correct form.
16. **most.** The definite article before the gap indicates that we need to use the superlative form, while the general context points at the word ‘most’.