

Cloze Practice 2

Complete the passage by filling in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (15 x 1 = 15 marks)

Chris **1** _____ himself out of bed, grudgingly. He looked around, bleary-eyed before settling **2** _____ into bed. The warmth and comfort of his pillow **3** _____ too inviting. He wished that he could lie in bed the **4** _____ day. Nevertheless, he **5** _____ that he had to get up. He adjourned to the toilet, **6** _____ to find the door locked.

When he finally got in, he looked into the mirror but it did not reflect himself. Outside, he was disturbed **7** _____ the coughing of cars and buses and immediately imagined a headache and prayed that it got worse. Any **8** _____ to stay away from school was what he needed.

By then, he realised that it was already late. He wondered how time flew. Hurriedly, he **9** _____ on his uniform and dashed out of his house, only to find that his father had already left. He knew his father wanted him to be **10** _____ and therefore never waited for him if he did not show up on time. He was going to be late again but that was **11** _____.

The bell went. Chris was just in **12** _____ for his first lesson of the day. He had been lucky. He managed to **13** _____ down a taxi within five minutes of waiting. As he listened to the first part of the mathematics lesson, his mind slowly **14** _____ to the choice of food he would have on his break. **15** _____ the day, he studied his watch. He could not wait for school to end so that he could rush home and sit in front of the television screen. Life was such a routine. Chris looked at his watch. It was 12.50 pm, five minutes before the bell rang. He picked himself up, ready to make a dash to the school gate.

Answers:
1. dragged
6. only
11. common

2. back
7. by
12. time

3. were
8. excuse
13. flag

4. whole / entire
9. put
14. drifted

5. knew
10. punctual
15. Throughout