

### Conversational Cloze Passage (Brown, 1983)

**Appendix 1:** Extract from one conversational cloze test used in this study (Brown, 1983).  
Fill in each blank with a single word.

- David: Hello, Mike. How are you?
- Mike: Not too bad, David, and you?
- D: O.K. You know, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ been trying to work out (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to go on holiday this year. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a real problem. I really can't decide where to go. Any ideas?
- M: Well, I suppose you could try the South (4) \_\_\_\_\_ France.
- D: Ah. No, I don't really think so. I don't know way, exactly. Um. Maybe it's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ bit expensive down there.
- M: It's not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ bad, but if you're worried about money, you could always try Spain.
- D: Spain?
- M: Or Italy.
- D: Yeah. I've been to Italy. I'd (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to go somewhere different. I haven't been to Spain, but ...
- M: You haven't?
- D: No, but some people tel me that, um, uh, they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ had very good holidays there.
- M: Well, I suppose it depends where you go. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ you go to the Costa del Sol ...
- D: Yeah?
- M: It might be a bit, um ...
- D: But isn't (10) \_\_\_\_\_ full of British people?
- M: Yes, well, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ what I mean.
- D: It might be a bit Britishy.
- M: Yeah.
- D: But possibly (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the far south ...

Brown, D. (1983). Conversational cloze tests and conversational ability. *ELT Journal*, 37(2), 158-161.