

'Missing Letters' is a classic 11+ Verbal Reasoning question type. This type of question is likely to show up in Verbal Reasoning sections of GL Assessment 11+ exams.

## How to Solve Missing Letters Questions

You need to find ONE letter that will fit into BOTH sets of brackets, to make FOUR words altogether.

### Example:

PUL ( L ) EAN      FEE ( L ) EFT

In the example above, the answer is 'L'. When the letter 'L' is placed inside both sets of brackets, it gives us four words altogether (pull, lean, feel and left).

These questions usually come with a multiple choice answer sheet on which you'll be given around five letters to choose from as your answer.

## Common 'Missing Letters' Mistakes...

### 1. Incorrect spellings.

If you struggle with spelling, you may find this question type quite difficult. However, try to take as much care as possible to make sure the words you've made are spelled correctly. Otherwise, your answer won't count!

### 2. Making less than four words.

These questions may well be trying to trick you! Quite often a letter seems to fit, but it doesn't quite work with all the words.

### For example:

BEA ( D ) AFT      ROA ( D ) EST

In the question above, the letter 'D' seems to fit at first glance. It makes the first three words correctly (bead, daft and road), but it doesn't make the final word ('dest' isn't a word!). The actual answer to this question is the letter 'R', as this option **does** make four words (bear, raft, roar and rest). Be really careful to make sure that your chosen letter makes all four words.

## Practice Questions

Have a go at these practice questions to start getting to grips with Missing Letters.

1. FOR (     ) ILT      MEL (     ) OWN

2. BRAI (     ) OSE      TALO (     ) INE

3. LAS (     ) ILT      BOGU (     ) OLAR

4. PUL (     ) LASTER      YEL (     ) LASTIC

5. WREC (     ) NOCK      WAL (     ) NUCKLE

6. AR (     ) ATCH      CHRONI (     ) AMEL

7. EAC (     ) ARM      CHURC (     ) ALT

8. CREA (     ) ATURE      FOA (     ) ARKET

9. FRAM (     ) NTRY      SPAC (     ) XCEL

10. HER (     ) OUBT      HEAR (     ) ECENT

## Missing Letters: Answers

1. FOR ( **T** ) ILLT      MEL ( **T** ) OWN

2. BRAI ( **N** ) OSE      TALO ( **N** ) INE

3. LAS ( **S** ) ILLT      BOGU ( **S** ) OLAR

4. PUL ( **P** ) LASTER      YEL ( **P** ) LASTIC

5. WREC ( **K** ) NOCK      WAL ( **K** ) NUCKLE

6. AR ( **C** ) ATCH      CHRONI ( **C** ) AMEL

7. EAC ( **H** ) ARM      CHURC ( **H** ) ALT

8. CREA ( **M** ) ATURE      FOA ( **M** ) ARKET

9. FRAM ( **E** ) NTRY      SPAC ( **E** ) XCEL

10. HER ( **D** ) OUBT      HEAR ( **D** ) ECENT