

Part 2

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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 

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**How technology is helping people to talk**

The term ‘eye-gaze technology’ may (0) ..... mean much to most people, but it can be life-changing for anyone suffering from a severe speech problem. (9) ..... been invited to try one such hi-tech communication aid, I find (10) ..... sitting staring at a computer screen. As a journalist, this is nothing new for me (11) ..... for the fact that this screen features a red dot which tracks the movement of my eyes.

I start by looking at a letter from an on-screen keyboard. However, I could, (12) ..... I wanted to, select alternative screens (13) ..... up of vocabulary and expressions, which, for experienced users, would (14) ..... doubt speed things up. The letter or word I’ve selected pops up at the top of the screen, and slowly I build up my message. More speed would be good as this isn’t a fast way to communicate, (15) ..... with the aid of predictive text. After (16) ..... seems like a long time, my phrase ‘this is an amazing machine’ is complete. I stare at the phrase and it comes back to me in a synthesised voice.

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