



## Cloze Practice

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for          a          by          into          on  
between          in to          an          to          of

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too chase          disadvantage          lie          to          fat          adapted  
running          distances          advantage lay          areas          slender

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| 1. a) weight       | 2. a) aggressive | 3. a) boldly  |
| b) waying          | b) territorial   | b) fiercely   |
| c) weighing        | c) limited       | c) venomously |
| 4. a) reptile      | 5. a) capable    | 6. a) their   |
| b) carnivore       | b) incapable     | b) there      |
| c) mammal          | c) able          | c) their      |
| 7. a) in abundance | 8. a) docile     | 9. a) calf    |
| b) deficient       | b) peaceful      | b) cub        |
| c) scarce          | c) tame          | c) calves     |
| 10. a) flocks      |                  |               |
| b) herds           |                  |               |
| c) packs           |                  |               |

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