

## Cambridge Advanced (CAE) Use of English Practice- Answers

### *The Home Secretary Resigns*

This exercise gives you practice in the cloze exercises where you have to modify words to complete the text. Complete the gaps using the correct form of the word given in **bold**.

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Home Secretary was announced today after days of (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The minister denied that he had done anything (3) \_\_\_\_\_, though the evidence against him published in the newspapers suggested that this was not the case.

- 1) **Resignation**
- 2) **Speculation**
- 3) **Improper**

Always a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ figure, he lost the support of many of his colleagues because of his (5) \_\_\_\_\_ criticisms of them which were published in a recent biography. When the first (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that he had abused his position to help the visa (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of his lover's nanny, an (8) \_\_\_\_\_ was set up. When an email came to light that said that no favours were given, but the process had been speeded up, the minister felt that he had no (9) \_\_\_\_\_ but to resign, though he claimed that he had no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the email until the day before he quit.

- 4) **Controversial**
- 5) **Outspoken**
- 6) **Accusation(s)**
- 7) **Application**
- 8) **Inquiry**
- 9) **Choice**
- 10) **Knowledge**

His opponents considered him an (11) \_\_\_\_\_ politician who passed a number of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ laws, exaggerating the threat posed by international (13) \_\_\_\_\_ as a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for passing measures to restrict our (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

- 11) **Intolerant**
- 12) **Repressive**
- 13) **Terrorists/  
Terrorism**
- 14) **Pretext**
- 15) **Freedom(s)**