

Cambridge Advanced (CAE) Use of English Practice

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**.

It was announced yesterday that the British prime minister had been to Buckingham Palace to ask the Queen for a 1) _____ of parliament, and that the general 2) _____ would be in May.

- 1) **Dissolution**
- 2) **Election**

If Tony Blair wins, it will be a 3) _____ victory, as he will be the first Labour leader to win three terms. He will campaign on 4) _____ stability, but the other parties have shown their 5) _____ to make Blair the focus, with his broken promises. In fact, many believe that he is now a 6) _____ to his party because of the anger over the Iraq war and questions about his 7) _____.

- 3) **Historic**
- 4) **Economic**
- 5) **Determination**
- 6) **Liability**
- 7) **Sincerity**

However, most political 8) _____ are predicting a victory for his party, but with a reduced 9) _____. Many within his party feel little 10) _____ about his 11) _____ and would prefer it if he had stepped down; many feel that he has become increasingly 12) _____. Attacks from the 13) _____ parties have put him on the 14) _____, but now the real campaign has begun, the possible results are very uncertain.

- 8) **Commentators**
- 9) **Majority**
- 10) **Enthusiasm**
- 11) **Leadership**
- 12) **Authoritarian**
- 13) **Opposition**
- 14) **Defensive**