

Cloze examples

The following are examples of various styles of cloze deletion using a single text, so that you can see what the different styles look like.

First, here is the text with no deletions:

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei hea a Pāpā, e mau tonu ana tōna pōtae ki tōna māhunga, engari, ki tōna whānau, he pōtae whakarihariha.

I tētahi rā ka kī atu a Māmā, “E Pā, kua kanukanu rawa tō pōtae. Makaia! Me hoko he mea hou.” Ka whakautu a Pāpā, “Ki a koe rā he kanukanu. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae tēnei.” Ka piupiuā e ia kia kite mai a Māmā i tōna pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka kī atu a Mere, “E Pā, kua nui rawa ngā puare o tō pōtae. Makaia! Me hoko he mea hou.”

“Ki a koe rā he puareare. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae tēnei.” Ka piupiuā e ia ka kite mai a Mere i tōna pōtae.

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There are the following versions of this text excerpt:

Version 1: with every 6th word (approx.) deleted, and a line inserted in its place

Version 2: with every 6th word (approx.) deleted, but no line inserted in its place

Version 3: with every 10th word (approx.) deleted, and a line inserted in its place

Version 4: with nouns deleted, and a list of these at the end

Version 5: with verbs and other words which follow verb particles deleted.

Version 1: with every 6th word (approx.) deleted, and a line inserted in its place.

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei _____ a Pāpā, e mau tonu _____ tōna pōtae ki tōna māhunga, _____, ki tōna whānau, he pōtae _____.

I tētahi rā ka kī _____ a Māmā, “E Pā, _____ kanukanu rawa tō pōtae. Makaia! _____ hoko he mea hou.”

Ka _____ a Pāpā, “Ki a koe _____ he kanukanu. Titiro mai, he _____ pōtae tēnei.” Ka piupiuā e _____ kia kite mai a Māmā _____ tōna pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka _____ atu a Mere, “E Pā, _____ nui rawa ngā puare o _____ pōtae. Makaia! Me hoko he _____ hou.”

“Ki a koe rā he _____. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae _____.” Ka piupiuā e ia ka _____ mai a Mere i tōna pōtae.

Version 2: with every 6th word (approx.) deleted, but no line inserted in its place.

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei a Pāpā, e mau tonu tōna pōtae ki tōna māhunga, , ki tōna whānau, he pōtae .

I tētahi rā ka kī a Māmā, “E Pā, kanukanu rawa tō pōtae. Makaia! hoko he mea hou.”

Ka a Pāpā, “Ki a koe he kanukanu. Titiro mai, he pōtae tēnei.” Ka piupiuā e kia kite mai a Māmā tōna pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka atu a Mere, “E Pā, nui rawa ngā puare o pōtae. Makaia! Me hoko he hou.”
“Ki a koe rā he . Titiro mai, he tino pōtae .” Ka piupiuā e ia ka mai a Mere i tōna pōtae.

Version 3: with every 10th word (approx.) deleted, and a line inserted in its place.

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei hea a Pāpā, e mau tonu ana _____ pōtae ki tōna māhunga, engari, ki tōna whānau, he _____ whakarihariha.

I tētahi rā ka kī atu a Māmā, “_____ Pā, kua kanukanu rawa tō pōtae. Makaia! Me _____ he mea hou.” Ka whakautu a Pāpā, “Ki a _____ rā he kanukanu. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae tēnei.” _____ piupiuā e ia kia kite mai a Māmā i _____ pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka kī atu a _____, “E Pā, kua nui rawa ngā puare o tō _____.
Makaia! Me hoko he mea hou.”

“Ki a koe _____ he pūareare. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae tēnei.” Ka _____ e ia ka kite mai a Mere i tōna _____.

Version 4: with nouns deleted, and a list of these at the end.

Where a word has been deleted more than once, it is listed just once on the list. A variation is to list it as many times as it is deleted. You can add 'distracters' (more words than are needed), to raise the level of difficulty.

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei hea a _____, e mau tonu ana tōna _____ ki tōna _____, engari, ki tōna _____, he _____ whakarihariha.

I tētahi _____ ka kī atu a _____, "E Pā, kua kanukanu rawa tō _____. Makaia! Me hoko he _____ hou." Ka whakautu a Pāpā, "Ki a koe rā he kanukanu. Titiro mai, he tino _____ tēnei." Ka piupiuā e ia kia kite mai a Māmā i tōna pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka kī atu a Mere, "E Pā, kua nui rawa ngā _____ o tō pōtae. Makaia! Me hoko he _____ hou."

"Ki a koe rā he pūareare. Titiro mai, he tino pōtae tēnei." Ka piupiuā e ia ka kite mai a Mere i tōna pōtae.

puare
pōtae

māhunga
whānau

rā
Māmā

mea
Pāpā

Version 5: with verbs and other words which follow verb particles deleted.

Te Tino Pōtae o Pāpā

Ahakoā kei hea a Pāpā, e _____ tonu ana tōna pōtae ki tōna māhunga, engari, ki tōna whānau, he pōtae whakarihariha.

I tētahi rā ka _____ atu a Māmā, "E Pā, kua _____ rawa tō pōtae. Makaia! Me _____ he mea hou." Ka _____ a Pāpā, "Ki a koe rā he kanukanu. _____ mai, he tino pōtae tēnei." Ka _____ e ia kia _____ mai a Māmā i tōna pōtae.

I tētahi rā anō ka _____ atu a Mere, "E Pā, kua _____ rawa ngā puare o tō pōtae. _____! Me _____ he mea hou."

"Ki a koe rā he pūareare. _____ mai, he tino pōtae tēnei." Ka _____ e ia ka _____ mai a Mere i tōna pōtae.