

# 1. INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: USE OF ENGLISH

*PART 1. OPEN CLOZE TEST. Read the text and fill in the blanks with ONE word. The activity begins with an example (0).*

## Edinburgh

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, lies **(0) on** the east coast of Scotland. With a population (1) ..... more than half a million people, it is the second most visited tourist attraction in Great Britain. It's famous (2) ..... the arts, especially in the summer when it hosts the renowned three-week Edinburgh International Festival. There are performances all (3) ..... the town, not only in its theatres, (4) ..... also on its streets. The Fringe festival started in 1947 (5) ..... eight theatrical groups broke into the Edinburgh International Festival. What they wanted was to express their belief in freedom of expression in innovative performances. Today there are more (6) ..... 40 Fringes in the world. Princes Street, the main road and a very nice shopping street, clearly divides the city (7) ..... the Old and the New Town. The Old Town is absolutely amazing. The city's medieval history can be seen on the Royal Mile, a mile-long street (8) ..... links the Castle with Holyrood house, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. Edinburgh Castle, which stands (9) ..... a volcanic rock, dominates the city's skyline. The original fortress was built in the sixth century (10) ..... King Edwin.