

# Cloze Summary

## Purpose

1. to provide paraphrasing and summarizing practice
2. to provide practice with different word forms
3. to help students acquire a broader range of vocabulary
4. to provide information about academic disciplines and careers
5. to provide practice for the HKDSEE

## Paraphrase and Summary

The cloze passages in this book and in past papers involve both summarizing (putting the main ideas in your own words) and paraphrasing (rewording). These skills are required in the Reading Paper and are also very important at university, as they will be required in almost every academic paper you write. This involves summarising and paraphrasing your research findings using different word forms and restructuring sentences.

## Word Forms

In each unit the first practice passage involves changing the form of a word found in the original passage. Word-form errors are among the most common errors made in the speech and writing of Hong Kong students, so practice in this area is very worthwhile.

## JUPAS Choices

Although this book covers only 25 academic disciplines, it includes the major fields of the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, engineering and business, explaining what each is about and what sorts of careers graduates can expect. Reading through them all makes it clear that there are certain skills (communication, for example) which are required in all careers.

## Format

Each passage has two cloze summaries. The first is easier since the required word can always be found in the original passage and normally requires only a different form of the word. The second passage is more difficult because the sentence has been rephrased and some of the words cannot be found in the original passage.

## Vocabulary practice

A vocabulary section has been added to each unit with a short explanation of useful or unusual words and practice in using them.