

Cambridge Advanced (CAE) Use of English Practice

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) **Resign**
- 2) **Speculate**
- 3) **Proper**

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) **Controversy**
- 5) **Speak**
- 6) **Accuse**
- 7) **Apply**
- 8) **Inquire**
- 9) **Choose**
- 10) **Know**

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) **Tolerate**
- 12) **Repress**
- 13) **Terror**
- 14) **Text**
- 15) **Free**