

## The Cloze Procedure

Directions: This is not a timed test, so do not stress. First, read the entire passage. Second, fill in the blanks with a word you might think the author might have used.

Fantine threw her looking-glass out of the window. Long before she had left her little room on the second story for an attic room with no other fastening than \_\_\_\_\_ latch; one of those \_\_\_\_\_ rooms the ceiling of \_\_\_\_\_ makes an angle with \_\_\_\_\_ floor and hits your \_\_\_\_\_ at every moment. The \_\_\_\_\_ cannot go to the \_\_\_\_\_ of their chamber or \_\_\_\_\_ the end of their \_\_\_\_\_, but by bending continually \_\_\_\_\_ and more. She no \_\_\_\_\_ had a bed, she \_\_\_\_\_ a rag that she \_\_\_\_\_ her coverlid, a mattress \_\_\_\_\_ the floor, and a \_\_\_\_\_ straw chair. Her little \_\_\_\_\_ was dried up in \_\_\_\_\_ corner, forgotten. In the \_\_\_\_\_ corner was a butter \_\_\_\_\_ for water, which froze \_\_\_\_\_ the winter, and the \_\_\_\_\_ levels at which the \_\_\_\_\_ had stood remained marked \_\_\_\_\_ long time by circles \_\_\_\_\_ ice. She had lost \_\_\_\_\_ modesty, she was losing \_\_\_\_\_ coquetry. The last sign. \_\_\_\_\_ would go out with \_\_\_\_\_ dirty cap. Either from \_\_\_\_\_ of time or from \_\_\_\_\_ she no longer washed \_\_\_\_\_ linen. As fast as \_\_\_\_\_ heels of her stockings \_\_\_\_\_ out she drew them \_\_\_\_\_ into her shoes. This \_\_\_\_\_ shown by certain perpendicular \_\_\_\_\_. She mended her old, \_\_\_\_\_ corsets with bits of \_\_\_\_\_ which were torn by \_\_\_\_\_ slightest motion. Her creditors \_\_\_\_\_ with her and gave \_\_\_\_\_ no rest. She met \_\_\_\_\_ in the street; she \_\_\_\_\_ them again on her \_\_\_\_\_. She passed whole nights \_\_\_\_\_ weeping and thinking. She \_\_\_\_\_ a strange brilliancy in \_\_\_\_\_ eyes, and a constant \_\_\_\_\_ in her shoulder near \_\_\_\_\_ top of her left \_\_\_\_\_. She coughed a great \_\_\_\_\_. She

hated Father Madeleine \_\_\_\_\_, and never complained. She \_\_\_\_\_ seventeen hours a day; \_\_\_\_\_ a prison contractor, who \_\_\_\_\_ working prisoners at a loss, suddenly cut down the price, and this reduced the day's wages of free laborers to nine sous.

