# 70 Red for Danger

During a bullfight, a drunk suddenly wandered into the middle of the ring. The crowd began to shout, but the drunk was unaware of the danger. The bull was busy 5 with the matador at the time, but it suddenly caught sight of the drunk, who was shouting rude remarks and waving a red cap. Apparently sensitive to criticism, the bull forgot all about the matador and 10 charged at the drunk. The crowd suddenly grew quiet. The drunk, however, seemed quite sure of himself. When the bull got close to him, he clumsily stepped aside to let it pass. The crowd broke into 15 cheers and the drunk bowed. By this time,

however, three men had come into the



ring and they quickly dragged the drunk to safety. Even the bull seemed to feel sorry for him, for it looked on sympathetically until the drunk was out of the way before once more turning its attention to the matador.

### Comprehension and Précis

Answer these questions in not more than 75 words.

- 1. Did a drunk suddenly wander into the middle of the ring during a bullfight or not? What did he do? (and)
- 2. Did the bull ignore the matador or not? What did it do? Why did he step aside? (Ignoring . . . but)
- 3. Did the crowd cheer or not? What did the drunk do? (and)
- 4. Did three men drag the drunk to safety just after this or not? Did the bull look on sympathetically or not? Did it once more turn its attention to the matador or not? (Just after this . . . while . . . before it . . .)

# Composition

Rewrite the following sentences using the joining words in brackets:

- 1. The man became sober. It was possible to discover his identity. (When)
- 2. He was Domingo Cordova. He had been a great matador in his youth. He had failed in the ring. He had taken to drinking. (... a man who ... but having ...)
- 3. He had changed. No one recognized him. (so much that)

## Letter-writing

Learn the following opening phrases by heart: I have not forgotten that . . .
You will find it hard to believe, but . . .
I am afraid I . . .

#### Exercise

Write sentences completing each of the above phrases.

### **Key Structures**

Words Followed by: For, With, Of, To, At, From, In, On, and About. (Compare KS 55 and 114)

Use this list for reference:

a FOR: eager, enough, famous, fit, grateful (or to), qualified (or in), ready (or to), responsible, sorry, sufficient, thankful (or to), valid.

b WITH: angry (with someone; at something), busy (or at), consistent, content, familiar (or to), identical, patient, popular.

c OF: afraid, ahead, aware, capable, careful (or with), certain, conscious, envious, fond, guilty, ignorant, independent, jealous, kind (or to), north/south/east/west, short, shy, sure, worthy.

d TO: close, contrary, cruel, dear, equal, faithful, fatal, harmful, indifferent, inferior, liable, new, obedient, obvious, polite, previous, rude, sensitive, similar, useful.

e AT: bad, clever, efficient, expert (or in), good, indignant, quick, sad (or about), slow, skilful (or in).

f FROM: away, different, far, safe.

g IN: deficient, fortunate, honest, weak.

h on: dependent, intent, keen.

i ABOUT: curious, doubtful (or of), enthusiastic, reluctant (or to), right (or in), uneasy.

#### Exercises

- A. There are some words in the passage which are included in the above list. These words are followed by for, mith, of, and to. Can you find them?
- B. Supply the missing words (for, with, of, to, at, from, in, on or about) without referring to the above list as far as possible.
- 1. George is jealous . . . his younger sister. 2. She is well-qualified . . . typing and very efficient . . . her work. 3. We are fortunate . . . having sufficient supplies of fuel ... the winter. 4. Contrary ... my expectations, there was no need to be uneasy ... the results of the match. 5. I am not familiar . . . his novels and not very keen . . . reading them. 6. I know he is slow... understanding, but you have to be patient ... him. 7. It is obvious ... everyone that he is not responsible ... this mistake. 8. I think he's quite honest . . . his intentions, q. He is not only indifferent . . . other people; he is often extremely rude . . . them as well. 10. I'm not very fond . . . dancing. II. Children remain dependent . . . their parents for a long time. 12. I should be grateful . . . any advice you can give. 13. He is not different . . . anyone else. 14. He may be quick... understanding, but he's not capable... remembering anything. 15. He is intent . . . passing the examination, but I'm doubtful . . . his chances. 16. He says he's sorry . . . what he did, so you need not get angry . . . him. 17. I've never been good . . . arithmetic, 18. That boy is far ahead . . . everyone else in the class, 19. Even though he was often cruel . . . his dog, it remained faithful . . . him. 20. Your conclusions are not consistent . . . the facts. 21. This diary will prove useful . . . you. 22. I'm not sure . . . the exact date, but I think he arrived here in 1959. 23. He was found guilty . . . a great many crimes. 24. You should not be so sensitive . . . criticism. 25. This passport is valid . . . all countries except China.