

UNIT 4: THE MASS MEDIA

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

I. Underline the best word

1. The head teacher accused George **OF/ FOR** starting the fight.
2. I haven't really read the report properly. I just glanced **FOR / AT** it while I was on the train.
3. I strongly object **TO/ FOR** the tone of the last paragraph of your letter.
4. Sarah was involved **IN/ WITH** a traffic accident on her way to work.
5. Harry pleaded **WITH/ TO** the judge not to send him back to prison.
6. I always confuse Kate **WITH/ ON** her sister Maggie. It's hard to tell them apart.
7. A diesel engine differs **FROM/ TO** a petrol engine in many important respects.
8. Some business people find it hard to choose **WITH/ BETWEEN** their work and their family.
9. I insisted **ON/FOR** seeing the doctor at once, even though I did not have an appointment.

II. Complete the sentence with a preposition.

1. I would advise you _____ taking any violent exercise before the leg has healed.
2. The manager feels that nobody else can be trusted _____ the keys to the safe.
3. Two boys have confessed _____ setting fire to the school.
4. I'd like to congratulate you _____ passing the examination.
5. We finally decided _____ a camping holiday in Greece.
6. Jim has been suffering _____ severe headaches for some time,
7. Helen voted _____ the proposal, but everyone else voted against.
8. Harry says that his car accident has not deterred him _____ driving again.
9. I haven't heard _____ John since we were at university together.
10. Sarah is hoping _____ a car for her birthday.
11. The surgeon operated _____ his patient for three hours.
12. The resident didn't want a shopping center in the area so they voted _____ its construction at the town meeting.
13. He threw the questions back _____ me and hoped that I could answer.
14. He was convicted and sentenced _____ a four-year jail term.
15. I was so sorry to hear _____ your father's death.
16. A truck went out of control and crashed _____ the back of a bus.
17. The street is named _____ the famous South African leader, Nelson Mandela.
18. According to the latest news, a further 156 people have died _____ the pandemic Covid-19.
19. The planet Mars is named _____ the Roman god of war.
20. Elderly people may die _____ hypothermia if they cannot afford to heat their homes.

III. Complete each sentence with a verb from the list

**ADVISE/ APPLY/ BENEFIT/ BLAME/ BOAST/ CONCENTRATE/
PROVIDE/ REFER/ SPECIALIZE/ TAMPER**

1. If I were you, I'd _____ more on studying, and forget sport for a while.
2. We will _____ you with all the necessary equipment.
3. Richard likes to _____ about his success as a footballer.
4. Some people always try to _____ their poor performance on others.
5. a security guard caught someone trying to _____ with the CCTV camera.
6. I think you should _____ this problem to an expert.
7. Helen would like to _____ in psychiatric medicine.
8. Everyone in the area will _____ from the new social center and sports club.
9. The new regulations _____ to anyone parking in the area between 8.00 and 20.00.
10. I _____ you against taking this case to court, as it will not succeed.

IV. Choose the best word A, B, C for each gap

Goats in My Bathroom

Jane Howe's book *Goats in My Bathroom* is a **c** _____ her experiences on a Mediterranean island. Jane has always **b** _____ escaping from the rat race, but has never **c** _____ taking the plunge, and is trapped in a dull nine-to-five job in an insurance office. After a comic episode with an amorous boss, she **d** _____ the job and heads for the sun, and this is the story of her adventurous new life. And there is plenty to **e** _____ ! She has to **f** _____ short sighted builders who can't understand a word she says, and then gets **g** _____ a dispute with her neighbours about the mysterious disappearance of twelve goats, which the whole village **h** _____ her. She is also the kind of person who seems to **i** _____ saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, but somehow, surprise, surprise, the local population ends up completely **j** _____ her. How does she do it? You'll just have to read the book.

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| a A accounted for | B borrowed from | C based on |
| b A dreamed about | B benefited from | C advised against |
| c A concentrated on | B agreed on | C succeeded in |
| d A accounts for | B resigns from | C depends on |
| e A laugh about | B congratulate on | C confide in |
| f A choose between | B protest about | C deal with |
| g A provided with | B seen to | C involved in |
| h A accuses of | B blames on | C charges with |
| i A specialize in | B collide with | C involve in |
| j A marvelled at | B identified with | C devoted to |

V. Complete the text with one word in each space.

Women and the First World War

After the outbreak of war in August 1914, as more and more men became a *involved* in the war effort, many women replaced them at work. However, most employers b between jobs they thought were suitable for women, such as office work and work in the clothing industry, and others, such as in heavy industry, where they believed women's skills c greatly from those of men. There were other reasons why they did not d of women working in heavy industry. They felt that women would not be able to e in skilled engineering work, and they also feared that the unions would f on restricting such jobs to men only. By 1916 the war effort had g in a severe labour shortage, and the employment of women was to some extent h on an unwilling nation by circumstances. Soon government industries such as munitions manufacturing i on women to a great extent, and those who had j to women in men's jobs were proved quite wrong, as women took on a range of jobs – engineering, welding, steel working, bus driving – which had previously been k exclusively with men.



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