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Word Skills

Preposition and noun phrases

I can use preposition + noun phrases.

1 Choose the correct answers (a–c) to complete the sentences.

- 1 It looks as though that shop has closed ___ – it's been empty for weeks now.
a for now b for one thing c for good
- 2 The instructions should be clear, but if you're ___, just ask someone.
a in doubt b in vain c in effect
- 3 It was a horrible journey, but we got there ___.
a in all b in the end c in that case
- 4 If the staff here think you're ___, they'll ask to see some identification.
a under arrest b under the impression c under age
- 5 There's too much ___ to risk failing this exam.
a at stake b at fault c at the moment
- 6 Do you have more ___ with your father or your mother?
a in any case b in common c in that case

2 Write the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 We were (the / impression / party / the / under / that) had been cancelled.

- 2 Dan and Mia (a / have / for / been / while / dating).

- 3 I'm afraid (a / moment / I'm / busy / the / bit / at). Can I call you back?

- 4 I was going to buy the brown boots, (on / decided / second / but / thoughts / I) to get the black ones.

- 5 'What do you like about living in Barcelona?' 'Well, (one / a / got / for / thing / it's) great nightlife.'

- 6 I'll lend you this book (give / on / you / that / it / condition) back next week.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 The ticket office sold me a return rather than a single ___ mistake.
- 2 Do you think Petra didn't invite us to her party ___ purpose?
- 3 I heard Finn got ___ trouble for not doing his homework.
- 4 Tina's not very keen on rock music – ___ fact, she can't stand it!
- 5 I'd like to see you later, but ___ course, if you're busy, that's fine.
- 6 No one was really ___ fault. It was just an accident.

4 Correct the mistakes in the phrases in bold. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 It was a long day and **at the time** I got home I was exhausted.
- 2 The show doesn't start until eight, so we should still get there **in time**.
- 3 Joe and Lisa were always arguing and **at the end** they split up.
- 4 It's only **by the end** of the book that you learn the killer's identity.
- 5 I didn't realise it **by the time**, but the girl we met last night was Terry's sister.
- 6 We should have moved house **by the end** of the month.

5 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

How do you stop being friends with someone you no longer feel close to? If you've been friends for **a while / one thing**, you may simply not have anything in **effect / common** any more. It doesn't mean anyone's at **fault / last**. If you've tried in **vain / control** to make things work, maybe it's best to end the friendship. Naturally, you don't want to hurt the other person, and if you're in any **time / doubt**, don't say or do anything you might regret. Perhaps your friend doesn't realise how you feel – they may be under **control / the impression** that everything's fine. You could talk to them and suggest not seeing each other for a few weeks, and in **time / fact** you'll know whether you want your friendship to continue or not.



VOCAB BOOST!

When you come across a new preposition + noun phrase, record it in your notebook under the preposition.

by: chance, mistake **with:** (any) luck **for:** a while

Then write an example sentence for each preposition + noun phrase to help you remember it:

With any luck, my parents will let me stay over at my friend's house tonight.

6 Read the **Vocab boost!** box. Complete the sentences with an appropriate noun and your own ideas.

- 1 Although I haven't done it for a _____, I used to like _____.
- 2 At the _____, my favourite song is _____.
- 3 The last time I was late for something was _____. I couldn't get there on _____ because _____.
- 4 In the future, I'd love to _____. With any _____, I'll be able to.
- 5 There are several reasons why I like my best friend. For one _____, he/she _____.