

## Prepositional Phrases

**A** Complete the blanks with the prepositions in, on, at, for, of, with or to.

|                         |                      |                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| _____ the expense _____ | _____ contact _____  | _____ relation _____   |
| _____ the mood _____    | _____ addition _____ | _____ the middle _____ |
| _____ the point _____   | _____ support _____  | _____ the centre _____ |
| _____ connection _____  | _____ touch _____    | _____ respect _____    |
| _____ need _____        | _____ the age _____  |                        |
| _____ regard _____      | _____ answer _____   |                        |

**B** Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, for, of, with, to or as.

- Mr Kingston is disabled \_\_\_\_\_ a result \_\_\_\_\_ a childhood illness.
- We lost the bid to a rival company \_\_\_\_\_ account \_\_\_\_\_ a silly mistake that Roy made.
- I stack all my magazines \_\_\_\_\_ top \_\_\_\_\_ the bookcase.
- Tom withdrew his objections \_\_\_\_\_ the sake \_\_\_\_\_ the team's unity.
- Sally bought an old house \_\_\_\_\_ a view \_\_\_\_\_ renovating it in the future.
- I'm writing \_\_\_\_\_ reference \_\_\_\_\_ your newspaper's investigation into police corruption.

**C** Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box below.

in captivity   in haste   under strain   in aid of   in exchange for   ahead of schedule   in instalments   in demand  
under repair   in the first place   in court   in writing   out of hand   in flames   behind schedule

- The charity marathon was \_\_\_\_\_ cancer research.
- Hats are \_\_\_\_\_ this season because of the cold weather.
- I gave my bicycle to my friend \_\_\_\_\_ his electric guitar.
- The famous musicians left \_\_\_\_\_ after the concert to avoid their fans.
- The delay at the airport has put us \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you had asked for directions \_\_\_\_\_, we would not be lost now.
- Requests for information made to this department must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The businessman was kept \_\_\_\_\_ for over a month by his kidnappers.
- I am paying off my car \_\_\_\_\_.
- The country's economy is still \_\_\_\_\_ and the economic situation will not improve soon.
- To the surprise of everyone, the project was completed \_\_\_\_\_.
- My car is \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment after last week's crash.
- The man decided to settle his claim \_\_\_\_\_ despite his lawyer's advice.
- Don't you think that inflation is getting \_\_\_\_\_?
- The whole building was \_\_\_\_\_ by the time the fire brigade arrived on the scene.

## Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

## A CALL

- 1 Why don't you **call** your mother **up** and surprise her?
- 2 The bank manager said he would **call back** after lunch.
- 3 The celebrations were **called off** after the tragic accident.
- 4 I heard someone **calling out** my name from a distance.
- 5 I **called at** the office to pick up my laptop before coming here.

- ☐ return a phone call
- ☐ pay a short visit
- ☐ shout loudly
- ☐ make a phone call
- ☐ cancel

## B SPEAK, TELL, COUNT

- 1 **Speak up** please! I can't hear a word you're saying.
- 2 I could never **tell** the two identical twins **apart**.
- 3 Joe said to **count** him **in** for this weekend's fishing expedition.
- 4 I guess we will have to **count** Dave **out** of tomorrow's match if he doesn't feel better by tonight.
- 5 Rob can always **count on** his brother to help him with the gardening.

- ☐ speak loudly
- ☐ rely on
- ☐ distinguish
- ☐ include
- ☐ exclude

## Words with Prepositions

## A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

| Adjectives         | Nouns                  | Verbs                         |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| angry _____ sb     | a comparison _____     | combine _____                 |
| angry _____ sth    | an understanding _____ | compare _____                 |
| annoyed _____ sb   |                        | compete _____ sb              |
| _____ sth          |                        | _____ sth                     |
| bored _____ sb/sth |                        | describe sb/sth _____         |
| certain _____      |                        | sb (=say what they look like) |
| identical _____    |                        | excuse sb _____               |
| similar _____      |                        | be made _____                 |
| suitable _____     |                        | protest _____                 |
| sure _____         |                        | shout _____                   |
| terrible _____ sth |                        |                               |

## B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Many new paper products today are **made** \_\_\_\_\_ recycled paper.
- 2 The copy of the masterpiece was **identical** \_\_\_\_\_ the one in the museum.
- 3 The manager was very **angry** \_\_\_\_\_ the way things turned out at yesterday's presentation.
- 4 Dennis has a good overall **understanding** \_\_\_\_\_ the subject.
- 5 In next month's athletics meeting I will be **competing** \_\_\_\_\_ the gold medal \_\_\_\_\_ my arch-rival, Gary Flash.
- 6 My doctor was **annoyed** \_\_\_\_\_ me when I told her I wasn't taking my medication regularly.



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- 7 Leone is not **sure** \_\_\_\_\_ her new job offer. She needs time to think it over.
- 8 I was **bored** \_\_\_\_\_ all the advice the teachers felt obliged to give us on the first day back at school.
- 9 Erica was absolutely **certain** \_\_\_\_\_ what she saw that night.
- 10 Dan and Carole are a lovely couple because they're so **suitable** \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
- 11 For the first time in years, farmers aren't **protesting** \_\_\_\_\_ the decrease in their income.
- 12 Many students are **terrible** \_\_\_\_\_ Maths and English.

### Grammar Revision (Reported Speech)

See Grammar Review page 163

Change the following sentences into Reported Speech. Use one of the reporting verbs in the box below.

suggest   warn   explain   admit   deny  
advise   promise   complain   ask   threaten

- 1 "You'll sprain your ankle, Celia, if you run in those shoes," said her mother.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 "Stand still or I'll tie you up!" shouted the kidnapper at the man.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 "You're late again, Fay!" said John.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 "I won't tell you another lie, Mum," said Ben.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 "I didn't steal your wallet, Betty," he said.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 "Take the pills for three days and visit me again next week, Mr Farrow," said the doctor.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 "Let's go on a boat trip," my brother told me.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 "Yes, I did ruin the printer," my colleague said.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 "Why didn't you do your homework yesterday, Mary?" the teacher wanted to know.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 "I need the money because I must fly to London tonight," she said.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Examination Practice

**A** Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

## A CAREER AT HOME

Jodie Sutter is thirty-eight. She has two daughters and has recently changed her lifestyle. She is part of a growing number of women (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are abandoning their careers to become full-time homecarers. Jodie worked for ten years as a successful lawyer in a large legal firm in the city. She loved her job and was moving up the career ladder. She explained (2) \_\_\_\_\_ she had fascinating cases (3) \_\_\_\_\_ court and gave it everything she had. Twelve-hour days were not uncommon and her weekends were always busy.



When she had her first child, though, things changed. "In the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ place, my colleagues couldn't count (5) \_\_\_\_\_ me when they had a heavy workload because I'd have to rush home to Lucy," she said. Her husband also had a demanding job and they soon realised that there was more to family life than they had imagined. "We were always (6) \_\_\_\_\_ schedule!" she exclaimed. Jodie admits (7) \_\_\_\_\_ frustrated at times when the situation got (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of hand. That's when she was sure (9) \_\_\_\_\_ her decision to leave her job. Her husband suggested that they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ get a nanny. However, Jodie insisted (11) \_\_\_\_\_ giving up her career, and did so when Lucy was three. "It's very difficult to combine work (12) \_\_\_\_\_ family life and I believe the latter is more important."

**B** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 "He stole my money!" shouted the old lady.

accused The old lady \_\_\_\_\_ money.

2 "I think you should stop eating so many sweets," Mary's sister said to her.

advised Mary's sister \_\_\_\_\_ so many sweets.

3 "Don't cancel your trip because of us," we said to John.

off We told John \_\_\_\_\_ his trip because of us.

4 "I'm sorry I didn't tell you the truth," Peter said to us.

apologised Peter \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

5 Is the gallery open in the afternoon?

know Do you \_\_\_\_\_ open in the afternoon?

6 "Why don't you try on a pair of jeans?" Peter asked Mary.

suggested Peter \_\_\_\_\_ a pair of jeans.

7 "You really must let me cook dinner," said Anne.

insisted Anne \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

8 "What does he want to tell me?" Julie asked herself.

wondered Julie \_\_\_\_\_ to tell her.



# Section 2

## Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-H below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

### A like alike unlike likely as same similar common

- 1 It's very \_\_\_\_\_ to see people asleep on the train when travelling to work. When I'm tired I do the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 My cousin John looks just \_\_\_\_\_ his father. They even have \_\_\_\_\_ habits.
- 3 Jonathan is very polite \_\_\_\_\_ his brother who is really rude.
- 4 Dora and Mary look \_\_\_\_\_ and often I can't tell one from the other.
- 5 He's as white \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost. It's very \_\_\_\_\_ that he is going to faint.
- 6 They are \_\_\_\_\_ to be late, so let's start eating dinner.

### B suit fit match combine compare

- 1 You must \_\_\_\_\_ strength with will-power to become a successful weightlifter.
- 2 The red tie doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ you and it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ your clothes either.
- 3 My trainers are too small and don't \_\_\_\_\_ me anymore.
- 4 You can't \_\_\_\_\_ a Ferrari to an ordinary car.

### C punctual accurate correct exact sharp

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ answer to the maths problem is 2.43 not 2.53.
- 2 Be here at 8 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_, otherwise I'll leave without you.
- 3 Barometers are the most \_\_\_\_\_ way of measuring atmospheric pressure.
- 4 Jason is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. He is never late.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ distance from Burwood to the city centre is 17.4 km.

### D remain reveal review revise relieve release

- 1 The journalist wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ her source no matter how much pressure I put on her.
- 2 My family were \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that my grandfather's operation went well. He then had to \_\_\_\_\_ in hospital for four weeks before he could be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 We had to \_\_\_\_\_ all ten units for the maths test.
- 4 My editor asked me to \_\_\_\_\_ a new play by John Astor.
- 5 The 'New Rockers' have \_\_\_\_\_ their new album and the reviews have been excellent so far.

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**E** outcome outdoor outfit outlet outsider

- 1 Bullfighting is fought in an \_\_\_\_\_ arena.
- 2 I bought an expensive \_\_\_\_\_ for the awards ceremony.
- 3 When Beth moved to her new school, she felt like an \_\_\_\_\_ until she became friends with a few girls.
- 4 The factory \_\_\_\_\_ sells shoes at cost price.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the match was in favour of the home team.

**F** perfect ideal fine thorough detailed definite certain particular special sure

- 1 My \_\_\_\_\_ weight is 54 kilograms. At the moment I'm 61 kilograms, so I'm going on a diet.
- 2 The doctor gave her patient a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ check-up once a year.
- 3 My supervisor asked for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ report concerning the new project we were doing.
- 4 This mirror will be \_\_\_\_\_ for our entrance hall. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ it will fit on the wall opposite the door.
- 5 I need a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ answer by tomorrow because I want to know for \_\_\_\_\_ how many people are coming to the restaurant.
- 6 The weather tomorrow will be \_\_\_\_\_ with a light breeze from the North.
- 7 The supermarket had a \_\_\_\_\_ offer on a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ brand of spaghetti that was very tasty.

**G** stand resist tolerate suffer

- 1 I don't like people who lie and cheat. I will not \_\_\_\_\_ such behaviour.
- 2 Many people \_\_\_\_\_ from allergies in spring.
- 3 I can't \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate cake when I see it in front of me.
- 4 I couldn't bear to watch my cat \_\_\_\_\_, so I asked the vet to put him down.
- 5 Kate can't \_\_\_\_\_ milk and never drinks it.

**H** offer provide supply cater

- 1 Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to take me home since it was raining.
- 2 Does this restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ for vegetarians?
- 3 The airline \_\_\_\_\_ lunch for the passengers of the delayed flight.
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ us home-made cookies.
- 5 The injured climbers were \_\_\_\_\_ with food and water until help arrived.



## Derivatives

- In the previous units we dealt with derivatives which are formed according to certain rules. There are, however, some less predictable formations. The most common of these are:

| Verb     | Noun      | Adjective   |
|----------|-----------|-------------|
| bear     | birth     | —           |
| behave   | behaviour | behavioural |
| choose   | choice    | choosy      |
| complain | complaint | —           |
| die      | death     | dead        |
| hate     | hatred    | hateful     |
| heat     | heat      | hot         |
| laugh    | laughter  | —           |
| lose     | loss      | lost        |
| marry    | marriage  | married     |
| pride    | pride     | proud       |
| prove    | proof     | —           |
| pursue   | pursuit   | —           |
| relieve  | relief    | relieved    |
| see      | sight     | —           |
| sing     | song      | —           |
| solve    | solution  | —           |
| speak    | speech    | speechless  |
| succeed  | success   | successful  |
| think    | thought   | thoughtful  |
| —        | youth     | young       |

- You may be asked to form an adjective or noun which derives from the name of a country or continent.  
e.g. *England* → *English*  
*Europe* → *European*
- Finally, you may be asked to derive an adverb or a pronoun ending in **-body**, **-one**, **-thing**, **-where**, **-how**, **-ever** or **-self**.  
e.g. *some* → *somebody*      *any* → *anyhow*  
*any* → *anyone*      *when* → *whenever*  
*every* → *everything*      *one* → *oneself*  
*else* → *elsewhere*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold type.

- Janet was at a \_\_\_\_\_ for words when she saw the damage done to her car.
- My parents have had a long and happy \_\_\_\_\_.
- I need \_\_\_\_\_ to help me find the \_\_\_\_\_ documents, as I've looked \_\_\_\_\_ and can't find them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ people like to make \_\_\_\_\_ about London's \_\_\_\_\_ weather.
- He committed the crime out of racial \_\_\_\_\_.
- The father was \_\_\_\_\_ of his son's \_\_\_\_\_ to Cambridge.
- I can't stand the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ animals!
- \_\_\_\_\_ we go, we manage to enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many people can't stand extreme \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ ambassador is giving a \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.

LOSE  
MARRY  
SOME, MISS  
EVERY  
BRITAIN, COMPLAIN  
RAIN  
HATE  
PRIDE, ADMIT  
SEE, DIE  
WHERE, OUR  
HOT  
ITALY, SPEAK

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- 11 He \_\_\_\_\_ managed to find \_\_\_\_\_ that he was innocent.
- 12 The \_\_\_\_\_ of leaving my home town and going to live in the city filled me with \_\_\_\_\_ feelings, but I had made my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 His \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm never going to speak to him again.
- 14 It is commonly accepted that \_\_\_\_\_ is the best medicine for stress.
- 15 His \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't allow him to admit his faults.
- 16 The \_\_\_\_\_ crossed the \_\_\_\_\_ border.
- 17 It was such a \_\_\_\_\_ for her when she found her dog.
- 18 I believe that it's impossible to find a \_\_\_\_\_ to every problem.
- 19 They think very highly of \_\_\_\_\_ and prefer not to associate with \_\_\_\_\_ they consider inferior.
- 20 The \_\_\_\_\_ of your book will depend on how well you promote it.

SOME, PROVE  
THINK  
MIX, CHOOSE  
BEHAVE, ACCEPT

LAUGH  
PROUD  
IMMIGRATE, MEXICO  
RELIEVE  
SOLVE  
THEM  
ANY  
SUCCEED

### Examination Practice

**A** Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

## A BIG DECISION



When Lucy (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that she was going to move abroad because she was bored (2) \_\_\_\_\_ her life, we weren't surprised. After all, she had been talking about moving to a warmer country for ages, one which would (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sun, sea and opportunities for outdoor activities. A country like Spain or Portugal would (4) \_\_\_\_\_ her just fine.

We took her even more seriously when she called (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an interview for a job she was sure of getting.

Of course, her parents were annoyed with her decision, but I had to admit that I sympathised with her. I had done something (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when I was her age, so I supported her all the way. I even helped her decide on a suitable destination.

It was near an ancient site which, given Lucy's academic background in archaeology, was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for her. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ her that in the beginning she would feel (9) \_\_\_\_\_ an (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but people from small towns are friendly and she wouldn't feel lonely for too long.

The time came for Lucy to depart. She wasn't sad, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ her parents who were crying and couldn't bear to see their daughter leaving. Seeing her parents cry made me feel responsible for what had happened. In the end, I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for having encouraged Lucy to leave. To tell the truth, however, I'm glad to have influenced her decision to move abroad.



|    |             |             |              |           |
|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1  | A announced | B told      | C agreed     | D claimed |
| 2  | A with      | B for       | C about      | D at      |
| 3  | A supply    | B offer     | C reveal     | D cater   |
| 4  | A fit       | B suit      | C combine    | D match   |
| 5  | A out       | B up        | C for        | D off     |
| 6  | A similar   | B common    | C same       | D likely  |
| 7  | A ideal     | B special   | C particular | D fine    |
| 8  | A insisted  | B explained | C said       | D warned  |
| 9  | A as        | B alike     | C like       | D unlike  |
| 10 | A outdoor   | B outsider  | C outcome    | D outfit  |
| 11 | A not alike | B unlikely  | C not as     | D unlike  |
| 12 | A admitted  | B denied    | C apologised | D accused |

**B** Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

### A TENNIS STAR IS BORN

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the tennis star Richard Krajicek stepped onto the court, his opponent needed to prepare for one of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ serves in the game. Krajicek was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of his 220 km/h serve, since his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on the court could be partly attributed to it.

Without doubt, Krajicek can be described as (5) \_\_\_\_\_ who was in pursuit of (6) \_\_\_\_\_. At Wimbledon in 1997, bad weather conditions didn't dampen his spirits. The only (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that went through his mind was that of holding the trophy. Krajicek had a lot of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and beat his (9) \_\_\_\_\_ opponent three sets to love. Many considered Krajicek to be the next great (10) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis champion following in the footsteps of Boris Becker.

WHEN  
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EUROPE

