

LISTENING LANGUAGE PRACTICE

5.3

Expressions with prepositions
• synonyms • get

1 Read the dialogue between Grace and Tom. Choose the correct prepositions.



Extract from Student's Book recording 2.29

G: Hi Tom. Are you coming out ¹with / by / for us tonight?
T: Oh no, I can't. I'm revising ²to / about / for exams. I need to learn fifty French verbs ³on / by / with heart tonight.
G: But the exams don't start until next month.
T: I know, but I get really nervous ⁴on / about / for exams. If I don't revise every night, I'll get stressed.
G: I don't know why you're so worried. You always get good marks in class.
T: I know, but that's different. In exams, I panic. And I really want to get good grades for my A levels. I want to get ⁵into / with / in a good university.
G: Listen, you need to take it easy. If you continue like this, you'll get ill.
T: Well, what can I do?
G: Okay, first you need to make a revision timetable. If you make a timetable, you'll see that you have plenty of time to do everything.
T: Um, yeah, that's quite a good idea.
G: And I think you spend too much time alone – sometimes it's good to study ⁶about / by / with other people.
T: Is it? I'm not so sure. They might know more than I do!
G: You're so negative.
T: Well, it's okay for you, you don't get nervous.
G: Of course I get nervous. But I try to be positive. For example, ⁷before / in / on an exam, I imagine myself ⁸to / in / on the exam – I know all the answers, and I pass the exam ⁹on / by / with the best marks.
T: Hm. It's true, I'm not very confident.

2 Complete the sentences with a preposition in each gap.

- I am getting nervous ^aabout tomorrow. Jake asked me to study ^b_____ him. He's so handsome. I don't think I'll learn anything!
- Vince stayed up too late revising and then he actually fell asleep _____ the English exam.
- Our exams don't start until May, so we've still got three months to revise ^a_____ them. I'm going to study hard because I want to pass ^b_____ the best marks and get ^c_____ university to study Medicine.
- We have to learn 15 words ^a_____ heart for a test tomorrow. I'll come out ^b_____ you another time.

3 Match the words below to underlined words in Exercise 1 with similar meanings.

sick	= <u>ill</u>
1 more than enough	= _____
2 optimistic	= _____
3 study for exams	= _____
4 begin	= _____
5 pessimistic	= _____

REMEMBER BETTER

Synonyms are different words with the same or similar meanings. When you learn a new word and you have time, check in the dictionary and see if you can also learn a synonym. Knowledge of synonyms will help you understand more when you read and listen, especially more advanced texts.

Replace the underlined words in the sentences with synonyms. The first letters are given.

Today Naomi and Leon had their final exams, so tonight they are going to go out and enjoy themselves. (have a good time)

- The teacher said we should try to relax (t _____ e _____) the night before the exam.
- I don't like studying with other people. I work best alone (o _____ m _____ o _____).

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4 Complete the mini-dialogues with the phrases from the box. Change the form of get if necessary.

get a job get exhausted get good grades
get ill get into trouble get nervous get rid of

A: Did you get rid of those horrible old slippers?
B: Yes, I got a new pair for my birthday. Not the most exciting present, but useful.

- A: Were you sick after the school field trip?
B: Yes, I was cold and wet all day. I think that was when I _____. I still feel pretty bad.
- A: How is your nephew doing at school?
B: Not very well. He often _____ with his teachers. They say he talks too much during lessons.
- A: Are you prepared for your presentation tomorrow?
B: Well, yes, I am. But I'm already _____ thinking about talking in front of such a large group of people.
- A: You can't work all night. You'll _____ and won't be able to focus in school tomorrow.

B: I know. But I have to finish this project for tomorrow morning.

- A: It's not fair. I always work hard, but I never _____.
B: I wouldn't worry too much about that. What's really important is that you're trying!

- A: Are you free at the weekend?
B: Not during the day. Last week, I _____ in a bookshop near my house and Saturday is my first day at work.