

Prepositional Phrases

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

regardless _____ according _____ owing _____ but _____
 due _____ because _____ instead _____ contrary _____
 except _____ apart _____ thanks _____ as _____

B Complete the blanks with prepositions.

_____ spite _____ charge _____ far _____
 _____ comparison _____ control _____ honour _____
 _____ favour _____ behalf _____ well _____

C Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, at, by, under or to.

- You'll find a fairly detailed map of the town _____ page 40 of this guide.
- _____ my parents' surprise I passed all my examinations.
- _____ the circumstances, the police officer had no other choice but to arrest them.
- What's _____ your mind, Geoffrey? You look rather worried.
- I promise to be _____ your side no matter what happens.
- You look so calm and _____ ease with yourself.
- _____ sum up, this book is a good read and I definitely recommend it.
- I made several attempts to convince her, but _____ vain.
- I was _____ the impression you knew how to operate the video camera.
- Their willingness to employ me immediately without another interview took me _____ surprise.
- _____ a certain extent, your anger is understandable.

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 BREAK, BURN

- I'm buying a new car because my old one keeps **breaking down**.
- As soon as the government announced the harsh economic measures, riots **broke out** throughout the country.
- The thief **broke into** the house and stole the jewels.
- She couldn't handle being under so much stress so she **broke down** and started crying.
- I started describing what had happened to the police officer but my sister **broke in** to tell him something I had forgotten.
- They **broke up** after having been together for three years.
- If Peter doesn't stop working so hard, he'll **burn out** before his time.
- By the time the fire brigade arrived, the building had already **burnt down**.

- ☐ interrupt
- ☐ be destroyed by fire
- ☐ stop functioning
- ☐ end a relationship
- ☐ start suddenly
- ☐ become exhausted
- ☐ enter illegally
- ☐ lose control of one's feelings

B CUT

- 1 These pictures of film stars were **cut out** of different magazines.
- 2 The doctor told me to **cut down on** junk food.
- 3 The speaker was **cut off** by protesters many times during her speech.
- 4 Always **cut up** the meat for the dog, otherwise it will choke on it.
- 5 During the winter the island is **cut off** from the rest of the world.
- 6 The boys are shouting upstairs. Tell them to **cut it out**!

- ☐ reduce
- ☐ cut into small pieces
- ☐ cut from/remove
- ☐ stop doing
- ☐ interrupt
- ☐ isolated

C TURN

- 1 **Turn off** the heater. It's very hot in here.
- 2 John has **turned into** a reliable and efficient worker much to my surprise.
- 3 It **turned out** to be a great party.
- 4 More people **turned up** at the meeting than I had expected.
- 5 Can you please **turn down** the music? I can't hear you.
- 6 My application for a visa was **turned down** again.
- 7 Don't forget to **turn on** the alarm when you leave home.
- 8 I want you to know that you can **turn to** me for help any time.
- 9 When Jessica heard her favourite song, she **turned up** the radio full blast and started dancing.

- ☐ arrive unexpectedly
- ☐ reject
- ☐ switch off
- ☐ switch on
- ☐ reduce the amount of sound, heat, etc.
- ☐ increase the amount of sound, heat, etc.
- ☐ result in a particular way
- ☐ change to
- ☐ come to and ask for

Words with Prepositions**A Complete the blanks with prepositions.**

Adjectives		Nouns	Verbs
ashamed _____	jealous _____	an example _____	believe _____
busy _____	mean _____ sb	an exception _____	comment _____
conscious _____	relevant _____	an opinion _____	contrast _____
friendly _____	short _____	a question _____	decide _____
good _____ sth (=competent)	useful _____ sb	a reaction _____	dedicate sth _____ sb
good _____ sb (=kind)	useful _____ sth		introduce sb _____ sb/sth
good _____ sb/sth (=beneficial)			mean _____
			relate _____
			think _____

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Walter is very **good** _____ the high jump.
- 2 Why are you always so **mean** _____ Sarah?
- 3 My friend Giles **introduced** me _____ the fascinating world of classical music.