unit 12 Section 1

Prepositional Phrases

A **Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions on, at, by or to.**

1 The author is a doctor _____ **profession** but she prefers to work on her novels.

2 I always shop _____ **impulse**. I never make plans.

3 _____ **this day**, nobody knows what became of the missing aristocrat.

4 Cancelling the meeting _____ such **short notice** was an inconvenience for everyone.

5 Some of the artist's best works are _____ **display** at the gallery.

6 These elaborate rugs were all woven _____ **hand**.

7 My favourite football team is _____ **the top of** the league.

8 The school principal is _____ **good terms** with all the teaching staff.

B **Complete the blanks with the prepositions in and out of. In some cases both prepositions can be used.**

_____ fashion	_____ print	_____ work
_____ business	_____ touch	_____ date
_____ danger	_____ reach	_____ action
_____ control	_____ stock	_____ debt
_____ breath	_____ sight	_____ season
_____ pain	_____ comfort	_____ order
_____ difficulty	_____ the ordinary	_____ practice
_____ place	_____ use	_____ the question

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

out of season	out of reach	out of control	out of place
in shape	out of the question	out of date	in touch

1 The wild animal was _____ and nearly broke down the cage door.

2 We looked _____ wearing jeans in such an expensive restaurant.

3 It's difficult to find good oranges in summer, as they're _____.

4 The two friends kept _____ during the summer break.

5 I stay _____ by following a strict exercise programme.

6 My parents told me that taking the car on Saturday night was _____.

7 The books on the top shelf were _____ for most people of average height.

8 The _____ machinery was the main cause of the company's financial collapse.

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