concern

1 Concern (a worry about something)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

appreciate	*express*
cause	*grow*
override	*share*

1. Many doctors have ..... deep concern about the safety of this new drug.
2. The build-up of enemy troops on the country's southern border is ..... great concern.
3. I ..... your concern, but don't worry – I'm all right. I know what I'm doing.
4. Public concern is ..... over the number of children who leave school without any kind of formal qualification.
5. The headmaster and the staff ..... your concern about what happened on the trip to the zoo. We must make sure something like this never happens again.
6. Our concern for the safety of the children must ..... all other concerns.

2 Focus on prepositions

Complete the sentences with these prepositions:

over *for* *of* *with*

1. We view the situation developing in the Middle East ..... grave concern.
2. The little girl hasn't been seen for two days and there is now growing concern ..... her safety.
3. The availability of drugs in schools is ..... great concern to parents.
4. There is widespread concern ..... rising crime rates in our cities.

3 Concern (an important thing)

Match the halves below:

1. As CEO my major concern is
2. As aid workers, our overriding concern is
3. The Chancellor's primary concern is
4. This hospital's main concern is

a. *to improve the quality of care to our patients.*
b. *to reduce inflation and improve the economy.*
c. *to make this company more efficient.*
d. *to care for the hungry and the homeless.*

Now underline the adjectives which mean 'most important'.



"His only concern was that he couldn't get into his new Gucci trainers!"

Notes

1. In 1-1 you can also use *raise or voice*. Other verbs used with *concern* are *brush aside* and *reject:*
   The airline brushed aside concerns about the safety of its ageing fleet of planes.
2. Notice these expressions:
   My private life is no concern of yours.
   Your private life is of no concern to me.
   I'd keep out of this argument if I were you. It's a family matter and it's none of your concern.
3. Note the following:
   I was surprised and angered by his lack of concern for his sick mother.
   You've been given the all-clear. The test results were negative, so there's no cause for concern.
   In his speech, he said that global pollution should be a matter of concern to us all.
4. Note how we express doubt about something:
   My only concern about Beckham is whether he'll be fit to play on Saturday.
5. If we want to talk about our main concern, we can use *sole* or *only:*
   The safety of the hostages is our sole concern.
   Our only concern is for the safety of the hostages.

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