

REVIEW OF PREPOSITIONS

Complete the sentence with *at, in, on, next* or *last*.

- a The next time you visit us, you must stay for dinner.
- b Wait here, and I'll be back _____ a few minutes.
- c I haven't seen Helen since _____ month.
- d Are you having a party _____ your birthday?
- e Your salary will be paid _____ the end of the month.
- f We didn't take a trip abroad _____ summer, but we're going to Crete this summer.
- g Peter managed to break his leg _____ the first day of his skiing holiday.
- h Are you going to university _____ year?
- i Take some warm clothes, because the temperature drops _____ night.
- j _____ two weeks' time, the school year will be over!

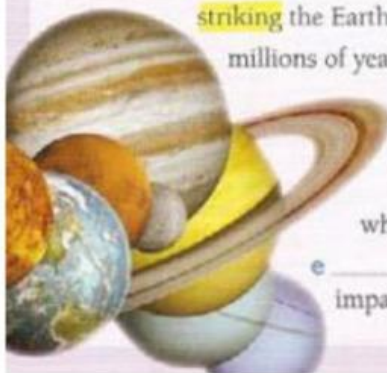
Complete the sentence with *from, to, until, by, or during*.

- a Some animals cannot survive from autumn _____ spring because of the cold weather.
- b They hibernate (which means they sleep through the winter) as a way of keeping themselves alive _____ the spring.
- c Another reason for hibernation is that it is hard to find food _____ the winter.
- d _____ the time winter comes, they need to have enough body fat to keep them alive while they hibernate.
- e _____ autumn, hibernating animals collect food for storage, and eat more food than usual.
- f If there is a shortage of food at that time, the animal might not live _____ spring when it can find its food again.
- g _____ the end of hibernation, the animals live off their body fat.
- h _____ hibernation, they lower their metabolic rate – the rate at which they use energy.
- i Animals may hibernate for several months, but they do not remain completely inactive _____ this time.
- j Some hibernate in a series of short periods lasting _____ a few days _____ a few weeks.

3 Complete the text with *next*, *last*, *since*, *for*, and *ago*.

Visitors from space

Scientists believe that the a *last* _____ time a large object from outer space hit the Earth was in 1908. Luckily it landed in a *sparsely*-populated area of Siberia, but people 60 km away from the *crash* site were thrown to the ground. When it happened, just over a hundred years b _____, scientists thought the explosion might have been caused by part of a *comet*. c _____ then, research has shown that it was a stone meteorite which exploded in the atmosphere. Objects of this kind have been striking the Earth d _____ millions of years, but serious explosions are rare. Astronomers are trying to predict when the e _____ serious impact might be.



The Transit of Venus

A Transit of Venus is an *astronomical* event, when the planet Venus is exactly between the Earth and the Sun, so it is seen crossing the face of the Sun as a small black disc. The f _____ Venus Transit took place in 2004 and the g _____ one will occur in 2012. Nearly 400 years h _____, the astronomer Kepler predicted the event would take place in 1631, but did not realize it could not be seen in Europe. i _____ then, there have been transits in 1639, 1761, 1769, 1974, 1882 and 2004. Obviously such events have been taking place j _____ millions of years, but the event was not seen by astronomers until 1769, when two astronomers in England both observed it. If you missed it in 2004, and miss it in 2012, there will be another Venus Transit in 2117, but that is a long time to wait!

Write a true statement about yourself with each of these time words: *on*, *last*, *since*, *ago*, *during*.

ON: _____

LAST: _____

SINCE: _____

AGO: _____

DURING: _____