

Dependent Prepositions

1. Read the sentences and decide which preposition should go in each space.

adjective + preposition

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| Many people are not aware _____ the amount of salt in ready-made meals. | |
| Many children are not capable _____ understanding that what they are watching is an advert designed to make them buy. | |
| There is a lot of pollution in cities due _____ the traffic. | |
| A new government scheme devoted _____ increasing literacy in developing countries would be a better way to help than charity donations. | |
| We were particularly dissatisfied _____ the food in the hotel. | |
| Older people are rarely familiar _____ new technology. | |
| I'm fed up _____ having to travel so far to work every day. | |
| I'm so hooked _____ the new series that I binged on the first 10 episodes this weekend. | |
| Learning to play in a group is imperative _____ the development of children's social skills. | |
| Local people are rarely interested _____ learning about the history of their region. | |
| The government is definitely responsible _____ the care of the elderly. | |
| Parents should be more vigilant _____ their children's diet to ensure that they don't become overweight. | |
| The UK is well known _____ its education system. | |

verb + preposition

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| I am writing to apologise _____ the noise coming from my apartment last Friday evening, which I am sure disturbed you. | |
| Many consumers find it hard to ask _____ a refund even if the product is faulty or not fit for purpose. | |
| A number of factors contribute _____ climate warming, including car emissions and methane from cattle. | |
| A lot of small shops depend _____ people walking past their storefront to gain customers. | |
| Aggressive advertising techniques can actually deter some customers _____ buying a product or service. | |
| If we don't address the problem of deforestation soon, some species will disappear _____ the world forever. | |
| The main problem with plastic bags is that people don't dispose _____ them properly, so they litter the streets. | |
| I don't believe that community service should be incorporated _____ school curriculums for two reasons. | |
| If companies invested more money _____ staff training, they could improve their customer service and, in turn, their profit. | |
| Consumerism plays a role _____ the amount of rubbish that is generated today. | |
| I would be very grateful if you could provide me _____ more information about the courses that your college offers. | |
| Too many young people today have to rely _____ help from their parents to be able to afford to attend university. | |
| Insisting that teenagers have to stay inside every evening could result _____ them becoming resentful of authority. | |
| If you live in a tidy home, it can make it much easier to search _____ the items that you need. | |
| Having so much product choice often means that consumers spend money _____ goods that they don't need. | |
| Governments have already succeeded _____ reducing the number of people who can smoke, so why can't they do the same for obesity levels? | |

noun + preposition

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| The increase in cars on the road means that the demand _____ fossil fuels has also increased. | |
| There is a definite difference _____ volunteering for community service and being forced to participate. | |
| I am writing to express my disappointment _____ the service that we received in your restaurant last week. | |
| There is no hope _____ addressing the issue of hunger until food is distributed more evenly around the world. | |
| Having a fixed punishment for each crime could have a massive impact _____ the crime rate, as it will act as a deterrent. | |
| There has been a large increase _____ the number of people travelling abroad in recent years. | |
| The invention of the Internet has had an impact _____ almost every area of life. | |
| The key _____ lowering the crime rate is reducing poverty. | |
| A key factor _____ being a good parent is learning how to control your own emotions. | |
| Open-plan offices almost always suffer from a lack _____ privacy. | |
| There is a definite need _____ well-integrated public transport systems in major cities. | |
| There is no point _____ inviting John – I know that he is on holiday this week. | |
| High ticket costs can prevent local people _____ going to historic sites. | |
| There are a number of reasons _____ the poor behaviour in schools today. | |
| One solution _____ unemployment in rural areas is encouraging large companies to move their head offices to country towns. | |
| The best way _____ encourage people to exercise is to provide free public gyms and swimming pools. | |