

In this part you:

- read a text with eight gaps
- choose from four options (A, B, C or D) to fill each gap

Useful language Verbs + prepositions

1 Which prepositions – *on*, *with*, *in*, *of* or *for* – can follow the verbs below? Write the correct prepositions in the gaps. Some of the verbs can go with more than one preposition.

depend ...	on	result ...	participate ...
co-operate	approve ...	rely ...
succeed	apologise ...	insist ...
consist	concentrate ...	believe ...

Tip! Use your vocabulary notebook to record any new words you learn in a short phrase, e.g. *have a good time*, *rely on your friends*. It's easier to remember them that way.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs from Exercise 1.

I try to (0) ... **participate** ... in as many sports as I can at school, but to be honest I'm pretty hopeless! Anyway, last week I decided I'd try to get onto the school relay team, as they're considered really cool. And amazingly, after some running trials, I actually (1) in getting a place – only as a reserve for competitions, but still! Then I realised that was just the beginning. The other team members didn't exactly object to a newcomer, but I could tell they didn't totally (2) of my being there. As I said, the team (3) of the best sports people in the school, so joining them was a real honour. And any races they were in usually (4) in a win. Anyway, the annual school sports day was coming up, so I thought I'd better start practising.

Finally, sports day came, and I was as well prepared as I could be. And I knew my friends all (5) in me, so that helped a lot. But just then we heard that another team member had been injured, so they'd be (6) on me to help them win. This was my chance. I started (7) as hard as I could on the task ahead.

I was incredibly nervous waiting for the runner behind me to pass me the baton. But suddenly there he was – and I was off! And guess what? I ran faster than any other members of the team – and we won! It was fantastic! But the best part was that after the race, the rest of the team (8) on carrying me round the track on their shoulders. I'll never forget it!

Tip! Remember that the prepositions you need to look at to answer a question are not always after the gap. For example, look at number 7.



Useful language Verb collocations

3 Which phrases go with the following verbs? Write the phrases on the correct lines below. Some phrases can go with more than one verb.

Tip! In Part 1, you need to know common collocations to get the answers to some questions.

your homework	your time	a good time	fun	a difference
friends	a break	sure	a photo	your best
a noise	an exam	a shower	a party	you good
better	a mess	sense	the washing up	some exercise

do

make

have

take

4 Choose the verbs from the box which go with each group of nouns. Can you add any more nouns to each group? Some groups can go with more than one verb. Use a dictionary if necessary.

pass spend miss go play cross save catch move change run

1	a cold, a bus	6	volleyball, the piano
2	money, time	7	the road
3	the bus, your friends	8	house
4	shopping, away on holiday	9	your mind, your clothes
5	an exam	10	a company, a computer program

5 Complete the sentences below with the correct forms of the verbs from Exercises 3 and 4.

Example: Whenever I go away on holiday, I really miss my friends at home.

- 1 I need to some money to shopping with my friends at the weekend.
- 2 Luca and Maria the road and ran to the bus stop but they still the bus.
- 3 I'd love to be able to the guitar, but I can't afford lessons.
- 4 We've just house, so I haven't managed to many friends here yet.
- 5 Ben's teacher told him to his time when his maths homework, instead of rushing it.
- 6 Cristina the best she could in the exam, and as a result she !
- 7 Mum asked me to the washing-up before I a shower.
- 8 Elliott a mess of building his new bookcase, because the instructions didn't sense.

