

**LESSON:****4****TOPIC:****Use of Prepositions
(miscellaneous)****TASK:****1 of 1****1. Read the text and choose the right preposition:****✓ Text 1**

Human activities are destroying the natural world, leading 1) ... the extinction of animal and plant species 2) ... an alarming rate. Now, world leaders are promising action to tackle the problem. But will it be enough? Biodiversity is the variety of all living things 3) ... Earth, and how they fit together 4) ... the web of life, bringing oxygen, water, food and countless other benefits. Last year, an intergovernmental panel of scientists said one million animal and plant species were now threatened 5) ... extinction. And this month, a report found global populations of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles plunged by 68%, 6) ... average, 7) ... 1970 and 2016.

1	a) to	b) for	c) at	d) into
2	a) on	b) with	c) for	d) at
3	a) in	b) on	c) by	d) at
4	a) into	b) in	c) on	d) out
5	a) by	b) on	c) with	d) to
6	a) in	b) at	c) to	d) on
7	a) before	b) between	c) after	d) in front

✓ Text 2

1) ... 20:05 the booster, which was secured to the ground, expelled an immense column of flame 2) ... two minutes. Two of these booster types will form part of Nasa's huge Space Launch System rocket, the biggest launcher built since the Saturn V 3) ... the 1960s. Wednesday's rocket firing was carried 4) ... at a test site in Promontory, Utah. The facility is operated 5) ... aerospace giant Northrop Grumman. The test was designed to investigate the performance and manufacturing quality 6) ... the booster's rocket motor. It will also help teams evaluate potential new materials, processes, and improvements 7) ... the boosters beyond the first landing on the Moon in 2024.

1	a) On	b) At	c) In	d) For
2	a) at	b) in	c) for	d) to
3	a) on	b) at	c) by	d) in
4	a) out	b) for	c) to	d) on
5	a) at	b) by	c) for	d) with
6	a) to	b) in	c) of	d) for
7	a) for	b) in	c) with	d) on

✓ Text 3

These requirements cut both ways. EU companies exporting 1) ... the UK will face 2) ... the same problem. EU exporters may have to set up UK offices - both EU and UK law is clear that someone will have to bear the risks 3) ... any customs problems. Supermarkets 4) ... the UK, for example, will not want to take responsibility 5) ... completing customs procedures for thousands of EU suppliers. Mr Sutcliffe added: "The problem is that thousands of businesses 6) ... both sides of the channel just don't realise the implications of trading 7) ... each other from 1 January, and they have very little time to work it out."

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2	a) with	b) at	c) in	d) -
3	a) for	b) of	c) with	d) by
4	a) from	b) in	c) by	d) out
5	a) in	b) for	c) at	d) to



6	a) at	b) in	c) for	d) on
7	a) to	b) -	c) with	d) of

✓ Text 4

It's a phenomenon that has positives: the break-up of work cliques means the formerly left-out may have more opportunities to join 1) ... the 'in-crowd' – or maybe there's no longer an in-crowd 2) ... all. But there are drawbacks to drifting away 3) ... your work buddies, too. Experts suggest that, while our work-based friendships are generally our most delicate ones, they're also some of the most impactful 4) ... our overall happiness. Remote work has changed the dynamic of our work relationships. We can – and, 5) ... many cases, should – be trying to keep those friendships going, or even make 6) ... new ones. But as our offices operate 7) ... the Internet, that's easier said than done.

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2	a) by	b) for	c) in	d) at
3	a) at	b) from	c) by	d) on
4	a) in	b) to	c) on	d) for
5	a) at	b) in	c) for	d) to
6	a) to	b) for	c) out	d) at
7	a) in	b) on	c) with	d) to

✓ Text 5

The dinner table, a symbol 1) ... family life and bonding 2) ... popular hearing culture, often represents loneliness and inaccessibility to deaf people. 3) ... the UK and US, 90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents, and the majority of those families don't learn a signed language to communicate 4) ... their child. Dinner Table Syndrome describes the phenomenon 5) ... which "deaf people are perpetually left out of conversations", says Dr Leah Geer Zarchy, a deaf associate professor of American Sign Language and deaf studies 6) ... California State University, Sacramento. "If something is funny and everyone erupts 7) ... laughter, the deaf person will lean in to the closest person and ask what was so funny."

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2	a) in	b) for	c) to	d) by
3	a) For	b) To	c) In	d) On
4	a) to	b) by	c) on	d) with
5	a) at	b) in	c) for	d) from
6	a) in	b) for	c) from	d) at
7	a) to	b) at	c) for	d) in

✓ Text 6

Working as a teacher 1) ... Canada the 1940s, Peter had been puzzled 2) ... the inept behaviour of his equals and superiors. He had applied to join a new school district, 3) ... instance, only to have all his forms and documents returned. There was nothing wrong 4) ... the application – rather, the Department of Education told him that they could not accept the package since it had not been registered 5) ... the Post Office for safe delivery, despite 6) ... fact that it had, of course, already arrived safely. Peter soon saw such occupational incompetence everywhere," he later wrote about it in a best-selling book 7) ... the subject.

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2	a) in	b) with	c) by	d) for
3	a) in	b) at	c) for	d) to
4	a) with	b) for	c) on	d) in
5	a) by	b) in	c) at	d) to
6	a) -	b) of	c) to	d) in
7	a) with	b) for	c) in	d) on