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."

1	a) in	b) for	c) to	d) out
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

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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.

1	a) in	b) to	c) -	d) into
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."

1	a) with	b) to	c) of	d) in
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.

1	a) of	b) in	c) from	d) to
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

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