



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



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