

## USE OF ENGLISH 2

## Collocations/expressions

**A** The following expressions include the words day, year and time. Complete them with prepositions.

DAY	YEAR	TIME	
_____ this day and age	all year _____	_____ a period of time	_____ sb's free time
day _____ day	year _____ year	_____ time to time	_____ no time
	_____ this time	_____ the first time	have no time _____
	of the year	_____ the right time	take time _____ work

**B** Complete the sentences with the collocations / expressions in the box below.

the other day    all day long    call it a day    at times    on time  
 in time    pass the time    ahead of its time    time and time again    for the time being

- 1 Despite technical problems, the flight left \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 We'll be getting a new printer next month. So, \_\_\_\_\_, we have to put up with this one.
- 3 Most engineers agreed that the car's design was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I started a conversation with the person sitting next to me on the bus to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I saw Sally \_\_\_\_\_. Did you know that she had broken her leg?
- 6 The match started at 7 pm and Jack arrived just \_\_\_\_\_ for the kick-off.
- 7 Let's \_\_\_\_\_ and go home. We've been working for over twelve hours without a break.
- 8 He keeps making the same mistake \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 I find it very difficult to agree with you \_\_\_\_\_. Your views can sometimes be extreme.
- 10 I have been sleepy \_\_\_\_\_ today. I don't know what's the matter with me.

**C** Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs hold, run, catch or keep.

- 1 The student was \_\_\_\_\_ in the act of cheating by the examiner.
- 2 I just need you to \_\_\_\_\_ an eye on Sam while I go out.
- 3 Jenny will certainly \_\_\_\_\_ everyone's attention with that dress she's wearing.
- 4 Blue eyes and red hair \_\_\_\_\_ in my family. Only my aunt has brown eyes.
- 5 When my grandmother was in hospital, I used to \_\_\_\_\_ her company in the afternoons.
- 6 Mary is moving to another city, but we promised to \_\_\_\_\_ in touch with each other.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a business requires many skills and expertise.
- 8 You can't rely on Roger. Actually, he's the kind of person that can't \_\_\_\_\_ a promise.
- 9 The winner of the marathon had to \_\_\_\_\_ his breath before speaking to the journalist.
- 10 Please \_\_\_\_\_ in mind that smoking is not allowed in this building.
- 11 We all \_\_\_\_\_ our breath when the winner of the competition was being announced.
- 12 As I was running to \_\_\_\_\_ the bus, I slipped and fell.
- 13 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ a secret? Jane is organising a surprise party for Kevin's birthday!
- 14 The children \_\_\_\_\_ hands while walking down the street.

## Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

### A LOOK

- 1 We **looked after** Ben's house while he was on holiday.
- 2 We are all **looking forward to** the opening game of the season.
- 3 The authorities promised to **look into** the claims of corruption.
- 4 I **looked over** your essay and can suggest some improvements.
- 5 **Look out!** The pavement is broken and you might trip.
- 6 **Look up** the meaning of the word in the dictionary.
- 7 John **looks down on** people who aren't as rich as he is.
- 8 Children often **look up to** sports heroes.

- have a poor opinion of
- respect, admire
- warn somebody about potential danger
- take care of
- expect sth pleasant to happen
- investigate
- inspect quickly
- try to find in a book or list

### B CHECK, WATCH, SHOW

- 1 We were told to **check in** at the airport as early as possible.
- 2 Guests are kindly reminded to **check out** by 12 o'clock.
- 3 The tourists were told to **watch out** for pickpockets.
- 4 The older children were told to **watch over** the younger ones.
- 5 The man was **showing off** his new sports car to his friends.
- 6 Everybody **showed up** at the party on Saturday night.

- be careful about
- care for sb or sth, especially because it is your responsibility
- arrive, appear
- report one's arrival at a hotel/airport etc.
- pay the bill and leave (a hotel/clinic etc.)
- try to make people notice and admire

## Words with Prepositions

### A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs
accustomed _____	familiar _____ sb (=well known)	knowledge _____
addicted _____	familiar _____ sb (=friendly)	a rise _____
amused _____	be familiar _____ sth (=know well)	(feel) sympathy _____
astonished _____	famous _____	a talent _____
(un)aware _____	fond _____	a taste _____ (=flavour, brief experience)
crazy _____	impressed _____	a taste _____ (=liking, preference)
cruel _____	interested _____	
curious _____	keen _____	
delighted _____	known _____ (=regarded)	
enthusiastic _____	pleased _____	
excited _____	rude _____	
	typical _____	

### B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Did you **know** \_\_\_\_\_ the surprise party?
- 2 Are you **familiar** \_\_\_\_\_ the company's no smoking policy?
- 3 Do you like the **taste** \_\_\_\_\_ red wine more than that of white wine?
- 4 He is feared by everyone in the area. He's **known** \_\_\_\_\_ 'The Cleaner'.
- 5 I'm really **keen** \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of spending my holiday on an island in the Mediterranean.

6 This village looks familiar \_\_\_\_\_ me. Have we been here before?  
7 A rise \_\_\_\_\_ inflation would have negative consequences for the country's economy.  
8 I didn't like olive oil but I've developed a taste \_\_\_\_\_ it now that I'm living in Spain.

### Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases more than one word may be correct.

#### A protect rescue save support secure defend guard

- 1 We bought a watchdog to \_\_\_\_\_ our house.
- 2 In times of a war every soldier is obliged to \_\_\_\_\_ his country.
- 3 The paramedics managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the driver from the debris of the car, but they couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the passenger, who had been seriously injured.
- 4 Make sure you \_\_\_\_\_ all items on the roof-rack so that nothing falls off.
- 5 Wildlife organisations aim to \_\_\_\_\_ rare species of animals from becoming extinct by \_\_\_\_\_ them from dangerous situations and \_\_\_\_\_ safer places for them to live in.
- 6 Parents must \_\_\_\_\_ their children during the difficult times in their life.

#### B injure wound hurt collapse harm

- 1 During the earthquake a number of buildings \_\_\_\_\_ and hundreds of people were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 My grandfather fought in World War II, but he was sent home when he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Let go of my hand! You're \_\_\_\_\_ me!
- 4 The dog won't \_\_\_\_\_ you. It's friendly.
- 5 The athlete had a heart attack and \_\_\_\_\_ as he was running.

#### C damage injury wound pain ache

- 1 John was in a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ when he cut his finger with a knife and had to have the \_\_\_\_\_ stitched.
- 2 The hurricane caused millions of dollars worth of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 After a couple of days the \_\_\_\_\_ in my lower back had gone.
- 4 Kelly's \_\_\_\_\_ was serious, so she was taken to hospital.

#### D endanger risk threaten warn

- 1 I must \_\_\_\_\_ you about my dog - it's vicious.
- 2 The security guards dealt with the robbers without \_\_\_\_\_ any lives.
- 3 Our neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ to call the police if we didn't turn the music down.
- 4 The World Wildlife Fund updates its list of \_\_\_\_\_ species every year.
- 5 She \_\_\_\_\_ her life to save the young boy from drowning.

**E** illness disease infection sickness weakness accident incident

- 1 If you don't want to get a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, I suggest you clean and dress the wound.
- 2 Penicillin has been used to fight many infectious \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Some people suffer from altitude \_\_\_\_\_ at many mountain ski resorts.
- 4 Young children come down with many \_\_\_\_\_ when they first go to school.
- 5 Charles had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ at work and he was taken to hospital.
- 6 I must be coming down with the flu because I have a general feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 A serious \_\_\_\_\_ near the border made the government take strict measures concerning immigration.

**F** cure heal treat recover overcome

- 1 It took me months to \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother's death.
- 2 Mavis was \_\_\_\_\_ for her wound and within days it began to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Ethel \_\_\_\_\_ from her illness after being confined to bed for a fortnight.
- 4 When my father came out of hospital, he seemed to be completely \_\_\_\_\_; however, his condition deteriorated after a few days.

**G** sensible sensitive sensational emotional

- 1 The concert was fantastic and the laser show \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Buying a cheaper car was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ decision considering you had a limited budget.
- 3 Joel is really \_\_\_\_\_ and cries if you raise your voice.
- 4 You look \_\_\_\_\_ in that dress. You should buy it.
- 5 Apart from food and shelter, the refugees needed \_\_\_\_\_ support.

**H** produce develop increase build up create progress advance improve

- 1 If we take out another loan, we'll just \_\_\_\_\_ financial difficulties for ourselves.
- 2 Italy \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most stylish cars on the market.
- 3 Medicine has \_\_\_\_\_ in the last decade, with many more diseases being cured.
- 4 Max is a weak student and I try to \_\_\_\_\_ his confidence by asking him to work with more \_\_\_\_\_ students.
- 5 My French has \_\_\_\_\_ so much that I can have a conversation with a native speaker.
- 6 He has hopes of \_\_\_\_\_ his business and \_\_\_\_\_ his profits.
- 7 The weather has \_\_\_\_\_ quite a lot lately.

**I** reduce decrease destroy drop lower demolish fall

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ your voice. The baby is asleep in the next room.
- 2 You should \_\_\_\_\_ speed when you're approaching a pedestrian crossing.
- 3 During the night the temperature \_\_\_\_\_ by ten degrees.
- 4 The village was completely \_\_\_\_\_ by the earthquake.
- 5 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs, otherwise the whole kitchen will stink.
- 6 The old building was \_\_\_\_\_ with the use of dynamite.
- 7 Peak season is over, so all the hotels in the area are \_\_\_\_\_ their rates.