

DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS

Task 1. Read these sentences with words that require a dependent preposition. Write only the preposition in the space.

- 1) Some people find it difficult to tell the difference _____ work and play.
- 2) All users must comply _____ the terms of the contract.
- 3) I always associate Christmas _____ family, good food and a time to relax.
- 4) The employees went on strike to campaign _____ better work conditions.
- 5) I'm fed up with my job here so I've applied _____ another job in another company.
- 6) He is always boasting _____ his car - how fast and expensive it is.
- 7) She doesn't approve _____ my clothes. She thinks I dress badly.
- 8) My husband and I always argue _____ who should do the ironing. Neither of us like it.
- 9) I don't believe _____ ghosts. It's a silly idea.
- 10) I commented _____ the rubbish around our town to the mayor. I think somebody should clean it up.

Task 2. Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 1. I find it difficult to believe | A. of things we know little about. |
| 2. Her breakfast consists | B. in criticising his class. |
| 3. Adam looks very similar | C. with her students. |
| 4. The town of Gouda is famous | D. for cheap houses. |
| 5. She has a good relationship | E. in good luck and bad luck. |
| 6. There's a great demand | F. of dry bread and a cup of tea. |
| 7. Mary is keen | G. to his mother, Amy. |
| 8. They don't agree | H. for its cheese. |
| 9. We tend to be scared | I. on tracing her family tree. |
| 10. Sam takes great pleasure | J. with the government's policy. |

Task 3. Complete the sentences with a suitable preposition given in the box on the right.

1. Jane came _____ Ann's diary when she was cleaning her room.

2. The Greens ran _____ some their old friends when they were visiting Paris.
3. They are aware _____ the danger.
4. He was responsible _____ the accident.
5. Other girls were jealous _____ her good looks.
6. Peter was extremely good _____ playing basketball.
7. Dan was ten minutes late _____ school.
8. She's fed up _____ this job.
9. We finally succeeded _____ getting that piano up the stairs.
10. Sometimes you just have to rely _____ your own judgment.
11. We are very worried _____ our future.
12. It was becoming obvious _____ her parents that she needed help.
13. I want to see you achieve what you are capable _____.

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