

Expressions with at, in, on, for.

A. Match the phrases in bold 1-12 with the definitions a-k.

- 1 Everything happened **at once**. I moved, got a job, and got married, all in May! ____
- 2 Bob was determined to win **at all costs**, and nothing could stop him. ____
- 3 It would be nice if, **just for once**, you could help me with the dishes! ____
- 4 We have shortened and adapted the text **for the sake of** simplicity. ____
- 5 Glenn is so deeply **in debt** and desperate for money that he's selling his car. ____
- 6 If Mom finds out I only got a D on the test, I'm **in trouble**! ____
- 7 I suggest we meet **on a regular basis** to discuss your progress. ____
- 8 The teacher proudly accepted the award **on behalf of** the whole class. ____
- 9 I was really **in doubt** and couldn't decide which apartment to buy. ____
- 10 When Bill lost his job, he was **at risk** of becoming homeless. ____
- 11 We go out for Thai food **once in a while**, but it's a little too spicy for me. ____
- 12 The police officer was **on duty**, so he was wearing a uniform. ____

- a despite the effort needed
- b for the purpose or in the interest of
- c immediately, at the same time
- d often or frequently
- e in a situation where you might be punished or blamed
- f on only one occasion
- g in place of or as a representative of
- h working at that moment
- i in danger
- j occasionally, from time to time
- k unsure about something
- l the state of owing money

B. Complete the sentences with prepositions from exercise A.

- 1 Her bike is too close to the cars. She's _____ of being hit!
- 2 He's _____ because he doesn't know which suit to buy.
- 3 I can't go and have coffee. I'm _____ right now at work.
- 4 I'm really _____ – I've just broken a really expensive ornament!
- 5 I don't see Cindy very often, just _____.
- 6 Can't Henry be quiet _____! I'm trying to do my homework.
- 7 I can't pay my rent this month as I'm so badly _____.
- 8 They have to stay friends _____. I hope they start talking to each other soon.

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