12 Richard could **talk the hind legs off a donkey** with stories of his school days.
13 The inability to make a decision is David's **Achilles heel**.
14 My nephew was brought up near the sea and could **swim like a fish** from the age of four.
15 I'm so tired of Chris's persistent lies that I am **washing my hands of him**.
16 Being in the army was a real **dog's life;** up at 6 a.m. every day, no money and occasional leave.

PREPOSITIONS

8 *Look at Appendix 5 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition, then make sentences using them.*

0 to have no intention *of* helping sb
1 to fail ..... an attempt
2 to bestow gifts ..... someone
3 to result ..... an accident
4 a visitor ..... the city
5 to sigh ..... pleasure
6 a sequel ..... a film
7 to stay ..... good
8 fruits ..... season
9 to resign ..... your job
10 the matter ..... hand
11 death ..... drowning
12 to struggle ..... your rights
13 to feature ..... the cinema
14 to have a talent ..... acting
15 entry ..... the EU
16 to keep sth secret ..... a friend
17 to take a shot ..... the enemy
18 to buy sth ..... a discount
19 bags ..... shopping
20 to be satisfied ..... the results
21 a choice ..... dishes
22 to trip ..... a stone
23 a doctor ..... profession
24 freedom ..... speech
25 to be valid ..... five years
26 to fall in love ..... first sight
27 the bearer ..... good news
28 a decline ..... standards
29 a bus crowded ..... tourists
30 the bottom ..... the sea
31 to admit ..... a fault
32 to be full ..... life
33 to be ..... trouble with the law
34 to live ..... the suburbs
35 on top ..... the world
36 to fall ..... despair
37 a series ..... disasters
38 to dance ..... the dance floor
39 to sing ..... the top of one's voice
40 to have your heart ..... your mouth
41 to live ..... the outskirts
42 to stand ..... president

9 *Look at Appendix 5 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.*

0 Having always been good *at* maths, he decided to study it at university.
1 He doesn't seem to be very happy ..... his new job; he always looks rather worried and depressed these days.
2 As she handed over the gift, she said that she hoped we would be very happy ..... our new home.
3 It will be good ..... Thomas to have a strict teacher; he's never had any discipline at home.
4 The dispute occurred because the manager is so hopeless ..... people; he has absolutely no idea of how to handle his workforce.
5 We've just heard ..... his unexpected promotion.
6 Nervous about facing an interview panel, she hesitated ..... the door and took a deep breath before entering the room.
7 A strong draught blew into the room through the gap ..... the door.
8 Ruth was a genius ..... mathematics and was awarded a scholarship to Cambridge when she was only fourteen years old.
9 Have you heard ..... the lake "Loch Ness" in Scotland?
10 He's a genius ..... a pencil and can capture a likeness in a few deft strokes.
11 His new stereo system was expensive but it's guaranteed ..... fifteen years so it was worthwhile paying more.
12 My friend is worried because she hasn't heard ..... her sister for days.
13 She has a real genius ..... languages and has already mastered the rudiments of Greek!

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