

18) If we arrive ..... 2 o'clock in the morning, what will we do ..... 9, when the shops open?

19) 'Sugar ..... the morning, sugar ..... the evening, sugar ..... suppertime' was a pop song ..... the early sixties.

20) ..... 1970 the cost of living was only a fraction of what it was ..... 1988.

**4. Fill in the following prepositions in these sentences.**

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- 1) The longest rail tunnel is \_\_\_\_\_ Tappi Saki to Fukushima.
- 2) He died \_\_\_\_\_ the grand old age of 95.
- 3) A lot of people have been poisoned \_\_\_\_\_ mushrooms this autumn.
- 4) All his life he talked \_\_\_\_\_ the life to come.
- 5) Are you \_\_\_\_\_ or against nuclear power?
- 6) What did you buy for your sister \_\_\_\_\_ her birthday?
- 7) Was there anyone important \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding?
- 8) This whole debate is \_\_\_\_\_ who makes the decisions.
- 9) I wish you wouldn't play that radio \_\_\_\_\_ full volume.
- 10) Are you paying cash or \_\_\_\_\_ cheque?
- 11) To catch the bus we'll have to be ready \_\_\_\_\_ 12 o'clock.
- 12) I didn't want to be seen so I sat \_\_\_\_\_ the back.
- 13) You're very welcome to come \_\_\_\_\_ us in our car.
- 14) You may think you're talking \_\_\_\_\_ the Labour Party, but I think you're only talking \_\_\_\_\_ a small minority.
- 15) Now, is this \_\_\_\_\_ Handel or \_\_\_\_\_ Mozart?
- 16) You're sure not going to hitchhike all \_\_\_\_\_ yourself?

**5. Fill in the following prepositions in these sentences.**

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- 1) I was absolutely blue \_\_\_\_\_ cold. I hadn't taken any warm clothes.
- 2) Can we discuss this \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime? I'll meet you then.
- 3) What's the word \_\_\_\_\_ someone who collects stamps? I know it begins with phil...
- 4) I've never bought an avocado. How can you tell a ripe one \_\_\_\_\_ an unripe one?
- 5) There's something funny \_\_\_\_\_ John. He never gets eye contact with anyone.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Edinburgh, we took the train to Aberdeen.
- 7) I'll be in the Canaries \_\_\_\_\_ October till mid-December.
- 8) Divide 63 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 and you get 9.
- 9) We've lived in the same house \_\_\_\_\_ the past 25 years.

10) I'm not very good        foreign languages, but I am quite good        maths and science.

11) You sound as if you are        Australia.

12) We all watched the film        tears in our eyes.

13) It's not a book        Graham Greene, it's a book        him. Someone else wrote it.

14) If you don't want to go on your own, why not take someone        you?

15)        time to time I worry        the future. What's going to happen?

16) I got this lovely sweater        Peter        my birthday.

**6. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase from the box.**

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1) Police officers don't have to wear uniform when they are ..... duty.

2) I feel very tired ..... times I consider giving up work.

3) The children were all upset, and some were ..... tears.

4) This factory needs modernising. Everything here is ..... date.

5) Don't worry, everything is ..... control.

6) Sorry, I seem to have taken the wrong umbrella ..... mistake.

7) Please hurry. We need these documents ..... delay.

8) That wasn't an accident! You did it ..... purpose.

9) We thought the two films were similar ..... each other.

10) We decided to take a holiday in Wales ..... a change.

**7. Underline the most suitable phrase in each sentence.**

1) I can't disturb John now. He's at bed/in bed.

2) Tony always arrives exactly in time/on time for his lesson.

3) Two pounds for each ticket, that makes \$12 in all/with all.

4) I can't pick that last apple. It's out of hand/out of reach.

5) Joe and I met on the plane completely by chance/by surprise.

6) The children spend most of their time our of doors/out of place.

7) I'm sorry but Jane isn't here at present/at a time.

8) How can Sam love Lucky? They have nothing in common/in general.

9) They should be here soon. They are in the way/on the way.

10) Terry isn't here. He's away in business/on business.

**8. Choose the correct preposition.**

1) This film goes on/by/during/till midnight.

2) I'll be away between/from/though Tuesday to Friday.

3) The library will be closed during/for/on a week.