

Complete each sentence with one suitable preposition.

1. I really prefer just about anything _____ watching television.
2. This year's conference coincided _____ two other major conventions.
3. Is it possible to insure my bike _____ theft?
4. The problem stems _____ the government's lack of action.
5. When I asked Jean, she hinted _____ the chance of a promotion for me.
6. Being rich doesn't count _____ much on a desert island.
7. I pleaded _____ John to change his mind, but he wouldn't listen.
8. I can't stand the way she is always boasting _____ her wealthy parents.
9. My grandfather is always confusing Madonna _____ Maradona.
10. Could you please refrain _____ smoking in the lecture hall.ü

Complete the text with a suitable preposition in each space.

It never ceases to amaze me how little notice some people take _____ rules in public places. When I was a child, it would never have occurred to me not to comply _____ the rules. If someone smoked in defiance of a 'No Smoking' sign on a train, they would rapidly be reminded _____ their transgression by several irate passengers, who would refer the errant smoker _____ the sign in no uncertain terms.

What's more, the person accused would normally apologise _____ his indiscretion, and would certainly refrain _____ repeating his anti-social

behaviour. These days reminding someone _____ their public duty not to drop litter or swear on the streets is likely to succeed only _____ unleashing a torrent of verbal abuse _____ the wrongdoer. Many people seem blithely unaware that, for example, the 'silence in the library' rule applies _____ them, as much as to anyone else.

Asking them is not enough, pleading _____ them might still not deter them _____ their noisy chat, resorting _____ physical violence, an undesirable option, seems the only one likely to get a result. But, in all seriousness, what really annoys me is that one is made to feel churlish or old-fashioned just to insist _____ basic respect of everyday manners. Truly, it seems polite behaviour and good manners count _____ nothing in today's society.

Put one suitable preposition in each space.

Helen had great admiration _____ her history teacher.

I'm afraid I'm not very good _____ animals.

The favourite dropped out of the race _____ the early stages.

I was the _____ impression that you liked Indian food.

The minister stated that no real alternative _____ the plan existed.

This town is famous _____ its hand-woven carpets.

Your performance this term contrasts very favourably _____ last term's.

Many young people become addicted _____ drugs through ignorance.

Apparently a number of army officers were implicated _____ the plot.

Carol doesn't have a very good relationship _____ her mother.