

**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.