

12 A FIXED EXPRESSIONS

Match the fixed expressions in bold in sentences 1–10 with meanings a)–j).

- 1 I dropped it **by mistake**.
- 2 I saw the film **on my own**.
- 3 He's here **on business**.
- 4 We met **by chance**.
- 5 It was made **by hand**.
- 6 We got there **in the end**.
- 7 She said it **on purpose**.
- 8 We arrived **on time**.
- 9 I'll do that **in a moment**.
- 10 They're **in a hurry**.

a) finally
b) cannot wait
c) by a person, not a machine
d) it was not a mistake
e) alone, not with other people
f) not early, not late
g) in a very short time
h) accidentally
i) not on holiday, but for work
j) it was not planned

B Look at Exercise 12A again. Write 6–8 questions with phrases with prepositions.

*Do you usually arrive **on time**, or are you sometimes late?*

*Do you prefer to live with someone, or live **on your own**?*

C Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions.