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5E Word Skills

Dependent prepositions

I can use a range of dependent prepositions.

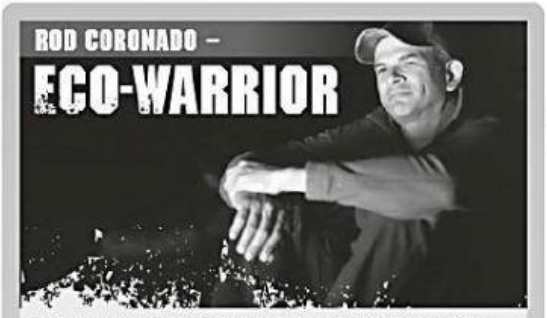
1 Complete the sentences with the correct prepostions. Then match 1–8 to a–h.

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1 My parents disapprove [ ] me ... [ ]
2 Troops opened fire on civilians, showing .. [ ]
3 We have to limit ourselves [ ] ... [ ]
4 The government is resorting [ ] ... [ ]
5 A building company is intent [ ] ... [ ]
6 The fighting is putting ... [ ]
7 That lawyer helps to get compensation for ... [ ]
8 Respect the law and the police. We discourage ... [ ]

a the victims [ ] industrial accidents.
b peaceful civil disobedience, and not be violent.
c the lives of everyone trapped inside the city [ ] danger.
d destroying our neighbourhood to build skyscrapers.
e attending the protest march, but I'm going to go.
f anyone [ ] taking the law into their own hands.
g cheating in order to win the election.
h a complete disregard [ ] human life.

2 Complete the text with suitable prepositions.



Rod Coronado is a highly controversial figure: a hero to some but a dangerous criminal to others, including the FBI. On 9 November 1989, Coronado was responsible [1] [ ] attacking and sinking two 430-tonne ships being used to hunt whales in Reykjavik, Iceland. In 1995, he took part in an arson attack on a university to protest [2] [ ] testing on animals. This action resulted [3] [ ] him being sent to prison for 57 months.

Unlike environmental organisations like Greenpeace, eco-warriors like Coronado aren't opposed [4] [ ] acts like sabotage and criminal damage. They argue that although peaceful actions are preferable [5] [ ] more violent steps, they are often not as effective. A lot of people have some sympathy [6] [ ] people like Coronado, and think that he is justified [7] [ ] what he does. Others are opposed [8] [ ] this kind of action, and they call him an 'eco-terrorist'.

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 My political opinions differ about / from Mel's, but we're still good friends.
2 There's been a slow improvement of / in environmental laws.
3 Sci-fi has never appealed for / to me very much.
4 We put up notices to warn people about / against pickpockets.
5 I hope I can improve on / in my performance in the last election, and win this time.
6 The police have appealed for / about the public to come forward with information about the crime.

4 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets and a suitable dependent preposition.

1 The company says that their chemicals aren't dangerous for wildlife. (a threat)
2 Civil disobedience is better than violent protest. (preferable)
3 We'll try to persuade Jenny not to take a job with a company that cuts down trees. (discourage)
4 I think I was right to break an unjust law. (justified)
5 Our lack of civil rights doesn't mean that you can resort to violence. (excuse)
6 All kinds of violence are wrong. (any form)

VOCAB BOOST!
Some dependent prepositions are more common than others. When you come across sentences which contain dependent prepositions, record them as examples under the preposition.

5 Read the *Vocab Boost!* box, then complete the sentences with the correct noun or verb form of the words below.

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1 A The film [ ] **on** an award-winning novel.
B I can't [ ] **on** my work because of the protest outside.
C You must play in the match – we [ ] **on** you to win.
2 A The government has given its [ ] **for** the new motorway.
B Have you finished [ ] **for** the party?
C The government shows a lack of [ ] **for** our problems.
3 A Protestors [ ] **to** a small area by the police all day.
B The FBI [ ] **to** Coronado in one of its reports, and called him 'dangerous'.
C Why don't you [ ] **to** my emails?

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