

## 5E

### Word Skills

## Dependent prepositions

*I can use a range of dependent prepositions.*

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

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- 1 My parents disapprove  me ...
- 2 Troops opened fire  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 – ECO-WARRIOR



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  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  testing on animals. This action resulted  him being sent to prison for 57 months.

Unlike environmental organisations like Greenpeace, eco-warriors like Coronado aren't opposed  acts like sabotage and criminal damage. They argue that although peaceful actions are preferable  more violent steps, they are often not as effective. A lot of people have some sympathy  people like Coronado, and think that he is justified  what he does. Others are opposed  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  /  Mel's, but we're still good friends.
- 2 There's been a slow improvement  /  environmental laws.
- 3 Sci-fi has never appealed  /  me very much.
- 4 We put up notices to warn people  /  pickpockets.
- 5 I hope I can improve  /  my performance in the last election, and win this time.
- 6 The police have appealed  /  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  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.

approve base concentrate concern confine depend  
prepare refer reply

- 1 A The film  on an award-winning novel.
- 2 B I can't  on my work because of the protest outside.
- 3 C You must play in the match – we  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?