

UNIT 8 C

VOCABULARY: EXPRESSIONS WITH AT, ON, IN AND FOR

1 8.5 Match the expressions in **bold** in sentences 1–12 with definitions a–l. Listen and check.

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| 1 Everything happened at once . I moved, got a job, and got married, all in May! _____ | a despite the effort needed |
| 2 Bob was determined to win at all costs , and nothing could stop him. _____ | b for the purpose or in the interest of |
| 3 It would be nice if, just for once , you could help me with the dishes! _____ | c immediately, at the same time |
| 4 We have shortened and adapted the text for the sake of simplicity. _____ | d often or frequently |
| 5 Glenn is so deeply in debt and desperate for money that he's selling his car. _____ | e in a situation where you might be punished or blamed |
| 6 If Mom finds out I only got a D on the test, I'm in trouble ! _____ | f on only one occasion |
| 7 I suggest we meet on a regular basis to discuss your progress. _____ | g in place of or as a representative of |
| 8 The teacher proudly accepted the award on behalf of the whole class. _____ | h working at that moment |
| 9 I was really in doubt and couldn't decide which apartment to buy. _____ | i in danger |
| 10 When Bill lost his job, he was at risk of becoming homeless. _____ | j occasionally, from time to time |
| 11 We go out for Thai food once in a while , but it's a little too spicy for me. _____ | k unsure about something |
| 12 The police officer was on duty , so he was wearing a uniform. _____ | l the state of owing money |

2 Complete the sentences with expressions from exercise 1.

- Her bike is too close to the cars. She's _____ of being hit!
- He's _____ because he doesn't know which suit to buy.
- I can't go and have coffee. I'm _____ right now at work.
- I'm really _____ – I've just broken a really expensive ornament!
- I don't see Cindy very often, just _____.
- Can't Henry be quiet _____! I'm trying to do my homework.
- I can't pay my rent this month as I'm so badly _____.
- They have to stay friends _____. I hope they start talking to each other soon.

3 8.6 Complete the texts with the expressions in the box. Listen and check.

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Last night my girlfriend seemed upset
¹ _____. When I asked her what was wrong,
 she said, "Nothing." ² _____, I just thought
 she was in a bad mood, but when I checked
 my Facebook page, I realized that it was her
 birthday yesterday. I'd completely forgotten! And
³ _____ that, she told me she'd taken the
 day off work yesterday so we could celebrate it
 together. Well, ⁴ _____ I won't forget it next
 year – I've already written it in my work diary and
 set an alarm on my phone to remind me!



I didn't know ⁵ _____, but I'd always thought
 that women lived longer than men. So last
 weekend I went online, and, according to the
 government website, ⁶ _____, women live
 between five and seven years longer than men.
 I thought that my husband and I were rather out
 of shape, so I suggested to him that we should do
 more to be ⁷ _____ of our health. So yesterday,
 instead of just watching TV after dinner, we
 decided to go for a long walk ⁸ _____. I feel
 so much more energetic today!

