

- 8 Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Child prodigy

Eleven-year-old Nigel Matsuchek *'has become'* (become) the youngest person ever to be accepted at Oxford University. He ² _____ (celebrate) with his family yesterday after he ³ _____ (get) a letter offering him a place to study physics. 'When he heard the post arrive, he ⁴ _____ (go) to check it,' explained his mother, 'and when we heard him shout "Yes!" we knew he ⁵ _____ (receive) the news he wanted. He ⁶ _____ (work) so hard over the last few years and it's what he really wants to do. We ⁷ _____ (be) so proud of him.'

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'My next guest ⁸ _____ (never have) any problems with getting what he wanted. When he first came to the United States he ⁹ _____ (not have) any money and he ¹⁰ _____ (work) in a factory during the day and at a nightclub at night to support his family. Now he ¹¹ _____ (become) one of the richest people in the world. Between 1997 and 2004, while he ¹² _____ (live) in Florida, he ¹³ _____ (manage) two hugely successful e-businesses and he ¹⁴ _____ (just write) a best-selling book: *Ten Steps to Success*. This week, he ¹⁵ _____ (visit) his business school in Chicago and tonight he ¹⁶ _____ (spend) an evening with us. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Simon Bach!



Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- I've always been very close _____ my sister. We do lots of things together.
a with **b to** c of
- Natalie wasn't enjoying her job after she fell _____ with her boss.
a out b off c on
- Don't listen to them, they're jealous _____ your success.
a of b about c from
- Do you get _____ with your cousins?
a about b of c on
- I hate being around Owen and Liz. They're always putting each other _____.
a on b down c around
- Josh had always been loyal _____ his friend, even when other people didn't believe him.
a to b on c with
- Will always felt threatened _____ his brother's musical abilities.
a from b with c by
- Even as young boys, Mark and Chris would always compete _____ each other.
a with b at c by

A date with disaster?

9a 1.1 Listen to and/or read the stories and decide who had the worst experience.

b Listen and/or read again and choose the correct name: Celine, Rodrigo, Robert or Claire.

- Who had a date by the sea?
Celine and Rodrigo
- Who had known the other person for some time before the date?

- Who wanted to impress the person they dated?

- Who was much older than the person they dated?

- Who had an accident?

- Who was embarrassed by the other person's behaviour?

- Whose date was very expensive?

- Who went out with the person again?
