

Prepositional Phrases

A Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions **on**, **at**, **by** or **to**.

- 1 The author is a doctor _____ profession but she prefers to work on her novels.
- 2 I always shop _____ impulse. I never make plans.
- 3 _____ this day, nobody knows what became of the missing aristocrat.
- 4 Cancelling the meeting _____ such short notice was an inconvenience for everyone.
- 5 Some of the artist's best works are _____ display at the gallery.
- 6 These elaborate rugs were all woven _____ hand.
- 7 My favourite football team is _____ the top of the league.
- 8 The school principal is _____ good terms with all the teaching staff.

B Complete the blanks with the prepositions **in** and **out of**. In some cases both prepositions can be used.

_____ fashion

_____ print

_____ work

_____ business

_____ touch

_____ date

_____ danger

_____ reach

_____ action

_____ control

_____ stock

_____ debt

_____ breath

_____ sight

_____ season

_____ pain

_____ comfort

_____ order

_____ difficulty

_____ the ordinary

_____ practice

_____ place

_____ use

_____ the question

C Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box below.

out of season out of reach out of control out of place
in shape out of the question out of date in touch

- 1 The wild animal was _____ and nearly broke down the cage door.
- 2 We looked _____ wearing jeans in such an expensive restaurant.
- 3 It's difficult to find good oranges in summer, as they're _____.
- 4 The two friends kept _____ during the summer break.
- 5 I stay _____ by following a strict exercise programme.
- 6 My parents told me that taking the car on Saturday night was _____.
- 7 The books on the top shelf were _____ for most people of average height.
- 8 The _____ machinery was the main cause of the company's financial collapse.