

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

_____ business

_____ danger

_____ control

_____ breath

_____ pain

_____ difficulty

_____ place

_____ print

_____ touch

_____ reach

_____ stock

_____ sight

_____ comfort

_____ the ordinary

_____ use

_____ work

_____ date

_____ action

_____ debt

_____ season

_____ order

_____ practice

_____ 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in shape out of the question out of date in touch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.