

## Prepositional Phrases

**A** Complete the blanks with the prepositions in, on, at, for, of, with or to.

|                         |                      |                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| _____ the expense _____ | _____ contact _____  | _____ relation _____   |
| _____ the mood _____    | _____ addition _____ | _____ the middle _____ |
| _____ the point _____   | _____ support _____  | _____ the centre _____ |
| _____ connection _____  | _____ touch _____    | _____ respect _____    |
| _____ need _____        | _____ the age _____  |                        |
| _____ regard _____      | _____ answer _____   |                        |

**B** Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions **in, on, for, of, with, to or as**.

- 1 Mr Kingston is disabled \_\_\_\_\_ a result \_\_\_\_\_ a childhood illness.
- 2 We lost the bid to a rival company \_\_\_\_\_ account \_\_\_\_\_ a silly mistake that Roy made.
- 3 I stack all my magazines \_\_\_\_\_ top \_\_\_\_\_ the bookcase.
- 4 Tom withdrew his objections \_\_\_\_\_ the sake \_\_\_\_\_ the team's unity.
- 5 Sally bought an old house \_\_\_\_\_ a view \_\_\_\_\_ renovating it in the future.
- 6 I'm writing \_\_\_\_\_ reference \_\_\_\_\_ your newspaper's investigation into police corruption.

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

in captivity   in haste   under strain   in aid of   in exchange for   ahead of schedule   in instalments   in demand  
under repair   in the first place   in court   in writing   out of hand   in flames   behind schedule

- 1 The charity marathon was \_\_\_\_\_ cancer research.
- 2 Hats are \_\_\_\_\_ this season because of the cold weather.
- 3 I gave my bicycle to my friend \_\_\_\_\_ his electric guitar.
- 4 The famous musicians left \_\_\_\_\_ after the concert to avoid their fans.
- 5 The delay at the airport has put us \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 If you had asked for directions \_\_\_\_\_, we would not be lost now.
- 7 Requests for information made to this department must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The businessman was kept \_\_\_\_\_ for over a month by his kidnappers.
- 9 I am paying off my car \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 The country's economy is still \_\_\_\_\_ and the economic situation will not improve soon.
- 11 To the surprise of everyone, the project was completed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 My car is \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment after last week's crash.
- 13 The man decided to settle his claim \_\_\_\_\_ despite his lawyer's advice.
- 14 Don't you think that inflation is getting \_\_\_\_\_?
- 15 The whole building was \_\_\_\_\_ by the time the fire brigade arrived on the scene.