

Phrases with **at** & **by**

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with a suitable phrase from this list. There are two phrases which you *don't* need to use:

at all at first ✓ at first sight at last at least at a loss at the moment at once
at peace at a profit at any rate at a time at the same time at war

- 1 I thought at first that I had flu, but then I realised it was only a cold.
- 2 Sorry to keep you waiting so long, I've finished !
- 3 it looked like a new car, and I didn't realise it was second-hand.
- 4 A business sells its products and not
- 5 The two countries used to be but now they are
- 6 The receptionist only allows one patient to see the doctor
- 7 You can't lose weight just by taking exercise, I don't think so.
- 8 When you receive the report, please pass it on to me
- 9 The twins always speak as each other.
- 10 He's so lazy – he doesn't take any exercise

Fill the gaps in the sentence below with phrases from this list. There are three phrases you *don't* need to use:

by accident by all means by car by chance by day by far by hand by heart
by mistake by name by night by plane by post by ship by sight ✓ by surprise
by the time by train by yourself

- 1 I know them both by sight but I don't know either of them
- 2 The Mediterranean is the most popular holiday area in Europe.
- 3 The only way to remember the words is to learn them
- 4 I didn't tread on your foot on purpose, it happened
- 5 It takes several days to cross Europe and even longer
- 6 The weather is very hot but it may be quite cool
- 7 The thunderstorm took us and we all got wet.
- 8 We didn't arrange to meet on the beach – we ran into each other
- 9 'Could you fill in this registration form?' 'Yes, '
- 10 There's no need to send the letter I can deliver it myself
- 11 we get to New York, you'll be fast asleep in bed in London.
- 12 It's very hard to put sun-cream on your back if you're