

## 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 .....