

Reading Part 5

In this part you:

- **read** a text with ten spaces in it
- **choose** the correct word for each space from four options

Vocabulary Verbs with prepositions



Preliminary candidates often make mistakes with verbs and prepositions.

1 Circle the correct preposition in each sentence.

- 1 My brother and I often argue *for* / *about* the TV programmes we want to watch.
- 2 The final score will depend *on* / *in* the penalties.
- 3 When I've finished my degree in computing I'd like to specialise *on* / *in* robotics.
- 4 I'm not sure you can rely *for* / *on* Jack to remember Mum's birthday. He's so forgetful!
- 5 Could you wait *for* / *to* me at the station? Then, we can walk to the cinema together.
- 6 I find it difficult to concentrate *on* / *about* my homework if there is a lot of noise.

Remember!

Some verbs are followed by a preposition, e.g. He **asked for** a new skateboard for his birthday.

2 Complete the sentences with a verb and the correct preposition from the boxes.

ask believe search
succeed think worry

for in on about

- 1 I'd like you to the idea and give me your opinion tomorrow.
- 2 I lost my keys and had to them for hours before I found them under the sofa.
- 3 Do you ghosts? I'm not sure if they exist or not.
- 4 What flavour ice cream are you going to? There's a lot of choice.
- 5 If you want to life, you have to work hard.
- 6 Don't the food for the party. I've already bought everything.

Focus Reading before and after the gap

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

car cat dog house postcard present
problem sport subject website

Tip!

More than one answer may be possible at first, so read the text after the gap to get more information.

- 1 The boy drew a picture of his because he wanted to show his friend where he lived.
- 2 I need to buy a because it's Ken's birthday.
- 3 I'd really like to have a although it means I'd have to take it for a walk every day.
- 4 Yesterday I got a from a friend who always sends me one when he's on holiday.
- 5 She wasn't sure which she wanted to do, but finally she chose biology.

Test 1 Exam practice

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Questions 26–35

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Tip! Read through the whole text first. Try each option in the gap. Are any options impossible?

Example:

0 **A** after **B** with **C** in **D** at

Answer: 0

A	B	C	D
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The Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is the world's third largest ocean, (0) the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. It (26) to the south of Asia, to the west of Australia and Indonesia, and to the east of Africa. Unlike the Atlantic and Pacific, it has no (27) opening to the north.

Therefore, the Suez Canal, (28) opened in 1869, is a very important shipping route (29) the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

The waters of the Indian Ocean are (30) calmer than those of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and are, therefore, easier to travel across. There are about 5,000 islands in the Indian Ocean. (31), such as the Seychelles and Maldives, have beautiful beaches and a warm climate, and now (32) increasing numbers of tourists.

During the winter, cool, dry winds blow over the ocean from the northeast. In summer, the (33) of the wind changes and south-easterly winds blow north from the ocean, bringing (34) rains called 'monsoons' to coastal areas. (35) farmers depend on these rains, they can be a problem, often causing serious flooding.



- 26 A lies B finds C puts D gets
- 27 A right B natural C realistic D correct
- 28 A when B what C where D which
- 29 A among B on C between D by
- 30 A too B much C very D so
- 31 A Many B Each C All D Any
- 32 A catch B lead C call D attract
- 33 A direction B development C progress D balance
- 34 A thick B large C heavy D high
- 35 A Because B Although C However D Whether

Advice

29 What preposition is used to link two or more places?

34 What collocations go with rain? Can rain be thick, large or heavy?