

# 96 Nouns with prepositions

Do you usually have **confidence** in your ability to do things?  
 Should you always **take advantage of** opportunities to earn more money?  
 Is it true that any **exposure to** radiation can be harmful?  
 Do you need **reminders** of people's birthdays, or do you always remember them?  
 Would you like greater **involvement in** politics or charity work?  
 Is it true there is no **substitute for** hard work if you want to be successful?  
**With the exception of** a flat or car, what is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?  
 If the government imposed **limitations on** air travel for environmental reasons, would you support that?  
 Do you think society is better since the **emergence of** social media?  
 Is there anyone that you feel **contempt for**?

## GLOSSARY

<b>confidence (in sth/sb)</b>	the feeling that you can trust, believe in and be sure about the abilities or good qualities of sb/sth
<b>take advantage of sth</b>	make use of sth well; make use of an opportunity
<b>exposure (to sth)</b>	the state of being in a place or situation where there is usually no protection from sth harmful or unpleasant
<b>reminder (of sth)</b>	sth that makes you think about or remember sb/sth that you have forgotten, would like to forget or might accidentally forget
<b>involvement (in sth)</b>	the act of participating in sth and giving time to it
<b>substitute for sth</b>	a person or thing that you use or have instead of one you normally use or have
<b>with the exception of sth</b>	except; not including
<b>limitation (on sth)</b>	a rule, fact or condition that limits sth <b>SYN restraint (on sth)</b>
<b>emergence (of sth)</b>	the fact of starting to exist or become known for the first time
<b>contempt (for sb/sth)</b>	the feeling that sb/sth is without value and deserves no respect

### 1 Circle the correct preposition.

- 1 the emergence *of/for* democracy
- 2 restraints *of/on* the use of alcohol
- 3 my involvement *on/in* the project
- 4 take advantage *of/for* the sun
- 5 no substitute *in/for* love
- 6 limitations *on/in* the use of cars
- 7 a reminder *to/of* how dangerous cars are
- 8 confidence *on/in* the justice system

### 2 Complete the dialogues with a suitable noun.

- 1 Can they work 12 hours a day?  
~ No, there are ..... on the number of hours they are permitted to work.
- 2 Did everyone do their homework?  
~ Yes, with the ..... of Reuben, as usual.
- 3 Clara's very well qualified.  
~ I agree, but there's no ..... for practical experience.
- 4 There are still guards outside.  
~ Indeed. It's a ..... of the danger still around us.
- 5 Luca thinks he's going to fail the test.  
~ That boy has no ..... in his abilities.
- 6 Do you use sunblock?  
~ Yes, I'm worried about ..... to too much sun.
- 7 Jonas doesn't respect even his own MP.  
~ I agree. He shows complete ..... for Parliament.
- 8 They've given me a great opportunity.  
~ Yes, make sure you take ..... of it.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct noun and preposition.

- 1 Living near the nuclear plant, I'm worried about ..... radiation.
- 2 Teachers generally encourage parents' ..... their children's education.
- 3 We are seeing the ..... new democracies around the world.
- 4 The government have imposed serious ..... public spending during the crisis.
- 5 We enjoyed the meal, with the ..... Carla, who hated every mouthful.
- 6 The critic was very rude and showed ..... the director's new ideas.
- 7 The smashed car on the side of the road is a ..... the dangers of drinking and driving.
- 8 I'm planning to take ..... of our neighbours' absence to hold a big party.

### 4 ABOUT YOU What are your answers to the questions at the top of the page? Write them down, or ask another student.

