

# prep phrases practice #1



- 1) I know it's cold but \_\_\_\_\_ **least** it's not raining.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ **the end**, what matters most is love.
- 3) I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ **touch with** her. We lost contact years ago.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ **now on**, I'm going to work harder, I promise.
- 5) I don't like walking home at night \_\_\_\_\_ **myself**.
- 6) We're friends on facebook but I've never spoken to her \_\_\_\_\_ **person**.
- 7) We should book a table \_\_\_\_\_ **advance**, just in case it's busy.
- 8) English teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ **demand** in my country.
- 9) Please fill out the form \_\_\_\_\_ **pencil**.
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ **behalf of** everyone here, thank you for your support.
- 11) She was \_\_\_\_\_ **the point of** leaving when she changed her mind.
- 12) You're not going to the party, that's completely \_\_\_\_\_ **of the question**.
- 13) No, I haven't read the news in ages. I'm totally \_\_\_\_\_ **of touch**.
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ **all likelihood**, I'm going to be fat and bald when I'm old.
- 15) I sent him a selfie \_\_\_\_\_ **mistake**. I was so embarrassed.
- 16) At school, I had to learn the irregular verbs \_\_\_\_\_ **heart**.
- 17) Spring is \_\_\_\_\_ **far** the best time to visit Abu Dhabi.
- 18) I'm happy here \_\_\_\_\_ **the time being** but that could easily change.
- 19) Did you do it \_\_\_\_\_ **purpose** or was it unintentional?
- 20) I was \_\_\_\_\_ **the impression** he liked his job so I'm surprised he quit.
- 21) \_\_\_\_\_ **at glance**, your CV looks good but I'll have to read it in detail later.
- 22) Are you \_\_\_\_\_ **favour of** or against abortion rights?
- 23) He looks quite young but \_\_\_\_\_ **fact** he's in his fifties.
- 24) I'm tired of cooking. Let's eat out \_\_\_\_\_ **a change**.
- 25) \_\_\_\_\_ **some respects**, I understand his point of view.
- 26) The party got \_\_\_\_\_ **of hand** and the police were called.

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- 27) Are you leaving Ireland \_\_\_\_\_ **good** or will you return?
- 28) \_\_\_\_\_ **last**, the bus is here. We've been waiting over an hour.
- 29) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ **of breath**. We're running too fast, let's slow down.
- 30) Brexit was \_\_\_\_\_ **doubt** the silliest decision in recent times.
- 31) We got there just \_\_\_\_\_ **time** to buy a ticket and catch last train.
- 32) The journalist's criticism of the government was \_\_\_\_\_ **point**.
- 33) Please try to be here \_\_\_\_\_ **time** as I'm not going to wait.
- 34) You can cancel \_\_\_\_\_ **short notice** but you won't get your money back.
- 35) I don't know him but \_\_\_\_\_ **all accounts**, he's a very generous person.
- 36) "The wall must be built \_\_\_\_\_ **all costs**." said Trump.
- 37) \_\_\_\_\_ **comparison with** Russia, Ireland is a tiny country.
- 38) \_\_\_\_\_ **and large**, I enjoyed my time at school.
- 39) The teacher explained it to us \_\_\_\_\_ **great detail**.
- 40) Skinny jeans are no longer \_\_\_\_\_ **fashion**.
- 41) \_\_\_\_\_ **times** even the best footballers play poorly.
- 42) I am writing \_\_\_\_\_ **response to** your letter of August 27.
- 43) You must, \_\_\_\_\_ **fail**, submit the report by Friday.
- 44) I do some work on this side, for which I get paid \_\_\_\_\_ **the table**.
- 45) Messi is, \_\_\_\_\_ **exception**, the best player of all time.
- 46) The bus will be here soon. \_\_\_\_\_ **the meantime**, let's grab a coffee.
- 47) Do you \_\_\_\_\_ **any chance** have a lighter?
- 48) I'm not mad about tennis but I do play \_\_\_\_\_ **time to time**.
- 49) Well, \_\_\_\_\_ **any rate**, the match will go ahead despite the rain.
- 50) Don't just join a gym \_\_\_\_\_ **the sake of it**. Do it because you want to.
- 51) It's \_\_\_\_\_ **no means** certain that the strike will take place.
- 52) It probably won't work. \_\_\_\_\_ **any case**, I'm going to try my best.

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