

1 Read the dialogue between Grace and Tom. Choose the correct prepositions.

G: Hi Tom. Are you coming out ¹with / by / for us tonight?

T: Oh no, I can't. I'm revising ²to / about / for exams. I need to learn fifty French verbs ³on / by / with heart tonight.

G: But the exams don't start until next month.

T: I know, but I get really nervous ⁴on / about / for exams. If I don't revise every night, I'll get stressed.

G: I don't know why you're so worried. You always get good marks in class.

T: I know, but that's different. In exams, I panic. And I really want to get good grades for my A levels. I want to get ⁵into / with / in a good university.

G: Listen, you need to take it easy. If you continue like this, you'll get ill.

T: Well, what can I do?

G: Okay, first you need to make a revision timetable. If you make a timetable, you'll see that you have plenty of time to do everything.

T: Um, yeah, that's quite a good idea.

G: And I think you spend too much time alone – sometimes it's good to study ⁶about / by / with other people.

T: Is it? I'm not so sure. They might know more than I do!

G: You're so negative.

T: Well, it's okay for you, you don't get nervous.

G: Of course I get nervous. But I try to be positive. For example, ⁷before / in / on an exam, I imagine myself ⁸to / in / on the exam – I know all the answers, and I pass the exam ⁹on / by / with the best marks.

T: Hm. It's true, I'm not very confident.

Complete the sentences with a preposition in each gap.

- 1 I am getting nervous ^aabout tomorrow. Jake asked me to study ^b _____ him. He's so handsome. I don't think I'll learn anything!
- 2 Vince stayed up too late revising and then he actually fell asleep _____ the English exam.
- 3 Our exams don't start until May, so we've still got three months to revise ^a _____ them. I'm going to study hard because I want to pass ^b _____ the best marks and get ^c _____ university to study Medicine.
- 4 We have to learn 15 words ^a _____ heart for a test tomorrow. I'll come out ^b _____ you another time.

Complete the mini-dialogues with the phrases from the box. Change the form of *get* if necessary.

get a job get exhausted get good grades
get ill get into trouble get nervous get rid of

A: Did you get rid of those horrible old slippers?

B: Yes, I got a new pair for my birthday. Not the most exciting present, but useful.

1 A: Were you sick after the school field trip?

B: Yes, I was cold and wet all day. I think that was when I _____ . I still feel pretty bad.

2 A: How is your nephew doing at school?

B: Not very well. He often _____ with his teachers. They say he talks too much during lessons.

3 A: Are you prepared for your presentation tomorrow?

B: Well, yes, I am. But I'm already _____ thinking about talking in front of such a large group of people.

4 A: You can't work all night. You'll _____ and won't be able to focus in school tomorrow.

B: I know. But I have to finish this project for tomorrow morning.

5 A: It's not fair. I always work hard, but I never _____ .

B: I wouldn't worry too much about that. What's really important is that you're trying!

6 A: Are you free at the weekend?

B: Not during the day. Last week, I _____ in a bookshop near my house and Saturday is my first day at work.