

Exercises

129.1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 1 What caused the explosion?
What was the cause of the explosion ?
- 2 We're trying to solve the problem.
We're trying to find a solution
- 3 Sue gets on well with her brother.
Sue has a good relationship
- 4 The cost of living has gone up a lot.
There has been a big increase
- 5 I don't know how to answer your question.
I can't think of an answer
- 6 I don't think that a new road is necessary.
I don't think there is any need
- 7 I think that living in a big city has many advantages.
I think that there are many advantages
- 8 Food prices fell last month.
Last month there was a fall
- 9 Nobody wants shoes like these any more.
There is no demand
- 10 In what way is your job different from mine?
What is the difference ?

129.2 Complete the sentences using these nouns + a preposition:

cause	connection	contact	damage	invitation
key	map	photos	reason	reply

- 1 On the classroom wall there were some pictures and a map of the world.
- 2 Thank you for the key to your birthday party.
- 3 Anna has little contact with her family these days. She rarely sees them.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a key to the other door?
- 5 The cause of the fire at the hotel is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a reply to the email you sent?
- 7 The two companies are separate. There is no connection between them.
- 8 Jane showed me some photos of the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Emily has decided to give up her job. I don't know her reason for doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The damage to the car wasn't serious.

129.3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 There are some differences between British and American English.
- 2 Money isn't the solution to every problem.
- 3 There has been an increase in the amount of traffic using this road.
- 4 The advantage of having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.
- 5 There are many advantages of being able to speak a foreign language.
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason for everything.
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude to many things seemed to change.
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact with him now.
- 9 James did a very good drawing of his father. It looks just like him.
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction to the news?
- 11 Nicola took a picture of me holding the baby.
- 12 The show is very popular and there has been a great demand for tickets.
- 13 There has been a lot of debate about the causes of climate change.
- 14 The fact that Jane was offered a job in the company has no connection with the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.