

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 your birthday party.
- 3 Anna has little her family these days. She rarely sees them.
- 4 I can't open this door. Do you have a the other door?
- 5 The the fire at the hotel is still unknown.
- 6 Did you get a the email you sent?
- 7 The two companies are separate. There is no them.
- 8 Jane showed me some the city as it looked 100 years ago.
- 9 Emily has decided to give up her job. I don't know her doing this.
- 10 It wasn't a bad accident. The 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.

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130.1 Complete the sentences using **nice of ..., kind of ... etc.**

- 1 Tom offered to drive me to the airport.
- 2 I needed money and Lisa gave me some.
- 3 They didn't invite us to their party.
- 4 Can I help you with your luggage?
- 5 Kevin never says 'thank you'.
- 6 They've had an argument and now they refuse to speak to each other.

(nice)
That was nice of him.

(generous)
That her.

(not very nice)
That wasn't

(very kind)
That's

(not very polite)
That isn't

(a bit childish)
That's a bit

130.2 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:

amazed angry bored careless excited impressed kind nervous

- 1 Are you nervous about the exam?
- 2 Thank you for all you've done. You've been very me.
- 3 What have I done wrong? Why are you me?
- 4 You must be very your trip next week. It sounds really great.
- 5 I wasn't the service in the restaurant. We had to wait ages.
- 6 Ben isn't very happy at college. He says he's the course he's doing.
- 7 I'd never seen so many people before. I was the crowds.
- 8 It was you to leave the car unlocked while you were shopping.

130.3 Put in the correct preposition.

- 1 They were delighted with the present I gave them.
- 2 It was nice you to come and see me when I was ill.
- 3 Why are you always so rude people? Why can't you be more polite?
- 4 We always have the same food every day. I'm fed up it.
- 5 We had a good holiday, but we were disappointed the hotel.
- 6 I can't understand people who are cruel animals.
- 7 I was surprised the way he behaved. It was completely out of character.
- 8 I've been trying to learn Japanese, but I'm not very satisfied my progress.
- 9 Tanya doesn't look very well. I'm worried her.
- 10 I'm sorry yesterday. I completely forgot we'd arranged to meet.
- 11 There's no point in feeling sorry yourself. It won't help you.
- 12 Are you still upset what I said to you yesterday?
- 13 Some people say Kate is unfriendly, but she's always been very nice me.
- 14 I'm tired doing the same thing every day. I need a change.
- 15 We interviewed ten people for the job, and we weren't impressed any of them.
- 16 Vicky is annoyed me because I didn't agree with her.
- 17 I'm sorry the smell in this room. I've just finished painting it.
- 18 I was shocked what I saw. I'd never seen anything like it before.
- 19 Jack is sorry what he did. He won't do it again.
- 20 The hotel was incredibly expensive. I was amazed the price of a room.
- 21 Paul made the wrong decision. It was honest him to admit it.
- 22 You've been very generous me. You've helped me a lot.
- 23 Our neighbours were very angry the noise we made.
- 24 Our neighbours were furious us making so much noise.

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131.1 Complete the sentences using an adjective + **of**. Choose from:

ashamed aware capable envious proud scared short typical

- I'm a bit short of money. Can you lend me some?
- My children have done very well. I'm them.
- What I did was very bad. I'm myself.
- She always behaves like that. It's her.
- He wouldn't be able to run his own business. He's not it.
- I don't like going up ladders. I'm heights.
- Nobody told me she was ill. I wasn't it.
- I wish I had what Sarah has. I'm her.

131.2 Write sentences about yourself. Are you good at these things or not? You can use:

good pretty good not very good hopeless

- (repairing things) I'm not very good at repairing things.
- (telling jokes)
- (maths)
- (remembering names)
- (making decisions)

131.3 Complete the sentences using an adjective + preposition. Choose from:

afraid capable different interested proud responsible similar sure

- I think she's arriving this evening, but I'm not sure of that.
- Your camera is mine, but it isn't exactly the same.
- Don't worry. I'll look after you. There's nothing to be
- I never watch the news on TV. I'm not the news.
- The editor is the person who is what appears in a newspaper.
- Sarah is a keen gardener and is very her garden.
- I was surprised when I first met Tina. She was what I expected.
- Ben could become world champion one day. He's it.

131.4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- There were lots of tourists in the streets. The streets were crowded with tourists.
- There was a lot of furniture in the room. The room was full
- I don't like sport very much. I'm not very keen
- We don't have enough time. We're short
- Helen does her job very well. Helen is very good
- Steven's wife is a doctor. Steven is married
- I don't trust Robert. I'm suspicious
- My problem is not the same as yours. My problem is different

131.5 Put in the correct preposition.

- Amy is always full of energy.
- My home town is not a very interesting place. It's not famous anything.
- Kate is very fond her younger brother.
- You look bored. You don't seem interested what I'm saying.
- 'Our flight departs at 10.35.' 'Are you sure that?'
- I wanted to go out for a meal, but nobody else was keen the idea.
- These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
- The station platform was crowded people waiting for the train.
- Mark has no money of his own. He's completely dependent his parents.
- We're short staff in our office right now. We need more people to do the work.

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132.1 Which is correct?

- 1 a Can you explain this word to me? (a is correct)
b Can you explain me this word?
- 2 a I got angry with Mark. Afterwards, I apologised to him.
b I got angry with Mark. Afterwards, I apologised him.
- 3 a Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking to her.
b Amy won't be able to help you. There's no point in asking her.
- 4 a I need somebody to explain me what I have to do.
b I need somebody to explain to me what I have to do.
- 5 a They didn't understand the system, so I explained it to them.
b They didn't understand the system, so I explained it them.
- 6 a I like to sit on the beach and listen to the sound of the sea.
b I like to sit on the beach and listen the sound of the sea.
- 7 a I asked them to describe me exactly what happened.
b I asked them to describe to me exactly what happened.
- 8 a We'd better phone the restaurant to reserve a table.
b We'd better phone to the restaurant to reserve a table.
- 9 a It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer to it.
b It was a difficult question. I couldn't answer it.
- 10 a I explained everybody the reasons for my decision.
b I explained to everybody the reasons for my decision.
- 11 a I thanked everybody for all the help they had given me.
b I thanked to everybody for all the help they had given me.
- 12 a My friend texted to me to let me know she was going to be late.
b My friend texted me to let me know she was going to be late.

132.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs + the correct preposition:

explain laugh listen look point reply speak throw throw

- 1 I look stupid with this haircut. Everybody will laugh at me.
- 2 I don't understand this. Can you explain it to me?
- 3 We live in the same building, but we've never one another.
- 4 Be careful with those scissors! Don't them me!
- 5 You shouldn't directly the sun. You'll damage your eyes.
- 6 Please me! I've got something important to tell you.
- 7 Don't stones the birds!
- 8 If you don't want that sandwich, it the birds. They'll eat it.
- 9 I tried to contact Tina, but she didn't my emails.

132.3 Put in **to** or **at**.

- 1 They apologised to me for what happened.
- 2 I glanced my watch to see what time it was.
- 3 Please don't shout me! Try to calm down.
- 4 I saw Lisa and shouted her, but she didn't hear me.
- 5 Don't listen what he says. He doesn't know what he's talking about.
- 6 What's so funny? What are you laughing ?
- 7 Is it all right if I have a look your magazine?
- 8 I'm lonely. I need somebody to talk
- 9 She was so angry she threw a book the wall.
- 10 The woman sitting opposite me on the train kept staring me.
- 11 Do you have a moment? I need to speak you.