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Section 1

Prepositional Phrases

A Complete the blanks with the prepositions in, on, at, for, of, with or to.

_____ the expense _____	_____ contact _____	_____ relation _____
_____ the mood _____	_____ addition _____	_____ the middle _____
_____ the point _____	_____ support _____	_____ the centre _____
_____ connection _____	_____ touch _____	_____ respect _____
_____ need _____	_____ the age _____	
_____ regard _____	_____ answer _____	

B Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, for, of, with, to or as.

- Mr Kingston is disabled _____ a result _____ a childhood illness.
- We lost the bid to a rival company _____ account _____ a silly mistake that Roy made.
- I stack all my magazines _____ top _____ the bookcase.
- Tom withdrew his objections _____ the sake _____ the team's unity.
- Sally bought an old house _____ a view _____ renovating it in the future.
- I'm writing _____ reference _____ your newspaper's investigation into police corruption.

C Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box below.

in captivity in haste under strain in aid of in exchange for ahead of schedule in instalments in demand
under repair in the first place in court in writing out of hand in flames behind schedule

- The charity marathon was _____ cancer research.
- Hats are _____ this season because of the cold weather.
- I gave my bicycle to my friend _____ his electric guitar.
- The famous musicians left _____ after the concert to avoid their fans.
- The delay at the airport has put us _____.
- If you had asked for directions _____, we would not be lost now.
- Requests for information made to this department must be _____.
- The businessman was kept _____ for over a month by his kidnappers.
- I am paying off my car _____.
- The country's economy is still _____ and the economic situation will not improve soon.
- To the surprise of everyone, the project was completed _____.
- My car is _____ at the moment after last week's crash.
- The man decided to settle his claim _____ despite his lawyer's advice.
- Don't you think that inflation is getting _____?
- The whole building was _____ by the time the fire brigade arrived on the scene.

Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

A CALL

- 1 Why don't you **call** your mother **up** and surprise her?
- 2 The bank manager said he would **call back** after lunch.
- 3 The celebrations were **called off** after the tragic accident.
- 4 I heard someone **calling out** my name from a distance.
- 5 I **called at** the office to pick up my laptop before coming here.

- return a phone call
- pay a short visit
- shout loudly
- make a phone call
- cancel

B SPEAK, TELL, COUNT

- 1 **Speak up** please! I can't hear a word you're saying.
- 2 I could never **tell** the two identical twins **apart**.
- 3 Joe said to **count** him **in** for this weekend's fishing expedition.
- 4 I guess we will have to **count** Dave **out** of tomorrow's match if he doesn't feel better by tonight.
- 5 Rob can always **count on** his brother to help him with the gardening.

- speak loudly
- rely on
- distinguish
- include
- exclude

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs
angry _____ sb	a comparison _____	combine _____
angry _____ sth	an understanding _____	compare _____
annoyed _____ sb		compete _____ sb
_____ sth		_____ sth
bored _____ sb/sth		describe sb/sth _____
certain _____		sb (=say what they look like)
identical _____		excuse sb _____
similar _____		be made _____
suitable _____		protest _____
sure _____		shout _____
terrible _____ sth		

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Many new paper products today are **made** _____ recycled paper.
- 2 The copy of the masterpiece was **identical** _____ the one in the museum.
- 3 The manager was very **angry** _____ the way things turned out at yesterday's presentation.
- 4 Dennis has a good overall **understanding** _____ the subject.
- 5 In next month's athletics meeting I will be **competing** _____ the gold medal _____ my arch-rival, Gary Flash.
- 6 My doctor was **annoyed** _____ me when I told her I wasn't taking my medication regularly.

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- 7 Leone is not **sure** _____ her new job offer. She needs time to think it over.
- 8 I was **bored** _____ all the advice the teachers felt obliged to give us on the first day back at school.
- 9 Erica was absolutely **certain** _____ what she saw that night.
- 10 Dan and Carole are a lovely couple because they're so **suitable** _____ each other.
- 11 For the first time in years, farmers aren't **protesting** _____ the decrease in their income.
- 12 Many students are **terrible** _____ Maths and English.

Grammar Revision (Reported Speech)**See Grammar Review page 163** **Change the following sentences into Reported Speech. Use one of the reporting verbs in the box below.**

suggest	warn	explain	admit	deny
advise	promise	complain	ask	threaten

- 1 "You'll sprain your ankle, Celia, if you run in those shoes," said her mother.

- 2 "Stand still or I'll tie you up!" shouted the kidnapper at the man.

- 3 "You're late again, Fay!" said John.

- 4 "I won't tell you another lie, Mum," said Ben.

- 5 "I didn't steal your wallet, Betty," he said.

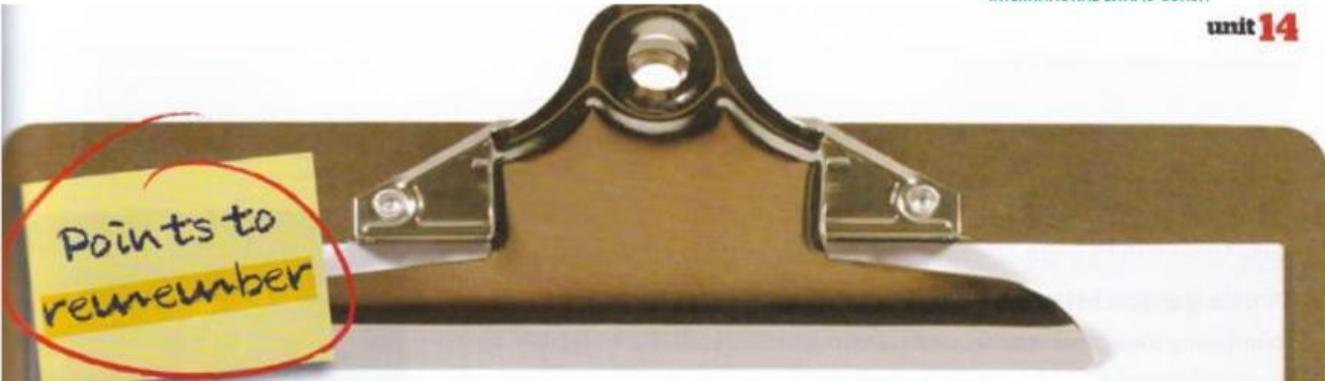
- 6 "Take the pills for three days and visit me again next week, Mr Farrow," said the doctor.

- 7 "Let's go on a boat trip," my brother told me.

- 8 "Yes, I did ruin the printer," my colleague said.

- 9 "Why didn't you do your homework yesterday, Mary?" the teacher wanted to know.

- 10 "I need the money because I must fly to London tonight," she said.



Points to remember

- ① "You should speak more politely," he **said to me**. →
He **told me** to speak more politely. ✓
~~He **told to me** to speak more politely.~~
(tell someone something; say something to someone)
- ② "If she **phones**, I'll let her know," said John. →
John said that if she **phoned**, he **would** let her know.
(Conditional Sentences Type 1 usually change into Conditional Sentences Type 2 in Reported Speech.)
- ③ "If I **had** money, I **would** go abroad," said Kim. →
Kim said that if she **had** money, she **would** go abroad.
"If I **had had** money, I **would have gone** abroad last year," said Kim. →
Kim said that if she **had had** money, she **would have gone** abroad the previous year.
(Conditional Sentences Types 2 and 3 do not change in Reported Speech.)
- ④ "I wish I **didn't have to** work late," she said.
She said she **wished** she **didn't have to** work late. ✓
~~She **said she wished she hadn't had to** work late.~~
(Unreal Past Tenses do not change in Reported Speech.)
- ⑤ "Please, **fasten** your seatbelts," said the flight attendant. →
The flight attendant **asked us to fasten** our seatbelts. ✓
"Please, **don't smoke**," said the flight attendant. →
The flight attendant **asked us not to smoke**. ✓
~~The flight attendant **asked us to not smoke**.~~
(tell, ask, beg, order, command, advise, forbid, warn, encourage + object + full infinitive)
- ⑥ "I'll drive you to school," said my father. →
My father **offered** to drive me to school. ✓
~~My father **offered that he would drive me to school**.~~
(offer, refuse + full infinitive)
- ⑦ "I'll drive you to school," said my father. →
My father **promised** to drive me to school.
My father **promised that he would drive me to school**.
(agree, claim, promise, threaten, warn + full infinitive or that-clause)
- ⑧ "I'm sorry I'm late," she said. →
She **apologised for being late**. ✓
~~She **apologised that she was late**.~~
(accuse of, apologise for, blame for, insist on etc. + ing form)
- ⑨ "My coffee is too cold," she said. →
She **complained about** her coffee **being** too cold.
She **complained that** her coffee was too cold.
(admit, complain, deny + -ing form or that-clause)
- ⑩ "Let's go for a walk," said Peter. →
Peter **suggested going** for a walk. ✓
~~Peter **suggested to go for a walk**.~~
Peter **suggested that we go** for a walk. ✓
Peter **suggested that we should go** for a walk. ✓
- ⑪ "Do you like your job?" he asked me. →
He asked **if/whether** I liked my job. ✓
~~He **asked me did I like** my job.~~
~~He **asked me if did I like** my job.~~
"What are you going to do?" she asked me. →
She asked me **what** I was going to do. ✓
~~She **asked me what was I going to do**.~~
When can we see the principal? →
Could you tell us **when we can see** the principal? ✓
~~Could you tell us **when can we see** the principal?~~
(In Reported and Indirect questions the verb is always in the affirmative form.)

Key Transformations

- ① "You should exercise more," the doctor said to me. →
The doctor said that I should exercise more.
The doctor told/advised/encouraged me to exercise more.
The doctor suggested that I (should) exercise more.
The doctor insisted on my exercising more.
- ② "Don't move the desks," said the teacher to the students. →
The teacher told/ordered the students not to move the desks.
The teacher forbade the students to move the desks.
The teacher didn't let the students move the desks.
The teacher didn't allow the students to move the desks.
- ③ "We missed the plane and you're responsible for that," said his wife to him. →
His wife blamed him for missing the plane.
- ④ "I'll do the shopping," said Mike. →
Mike offered to do the shopping.
Mike promised to do the shopping.
Mike promised that he would do the shopping.
Mike agreed to do the shopping.
Mike agreed that he would do the shopping.
- ⑤ "If only I knew how to operate the machine," she said. →
She wished she knew how to operate the machine.
- ⑥ "Have you ever been to Japan, Julie?" asked Ben. →
Ben asked Julie if / whether she had ever been to Japan.
Ben wondered / wanted to know if/whether Julie had ever been to Japan.
- ⑦ Could you tell me the way to the beach?
Could you tell me how I can/could get to the beach?
Could you tell me how to get to the beach?

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Examination Practice

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

A CAREER AT HOME

Jodie Sutter is thirty-eight. She has two daughters and has recently changed her lifestyle. She is part of a growing number of women (1) _____ are abandoning their careers to become full-time homecarers. Jodie worked for ten years as a successful lawyer in a large legal firm in the city. She loved her job and was moving up the career ladder. She explained (2) _____ she had fascinating cases (3) _____ court and gave it everything she had. Twelve-hour days were not uncommon and her weekends were always busy.



When she had her first child, though, things changed. "In the (4) _____ place, my colleagues couldn't count (5) _____ me when they had a heavy workload because I'd have to rush home to Lucy," she said. Her husband also had a demanding job and they soon realised that there was more to family life than they had imagined. "We were always (6) _____ schedule!" she exclaimed.

Jodie admits (7) _____ frustrated at times when the situation got (8) _____ of hand. That's when she was sure (9) _____ her decision to leave her job. Her husband suggested that they (10) _____ get a nanny. However, Jodie insisted (11) _____ giving up her career, and did so when Lucy was three. "It's very difficult to combine work (12) _____ family life and I believe the latter is more important."

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 "He stole my money!" shouted the old lady.

accused The old lady _____ money.

2 "I think you should stop eating so many sweets," Mary's sister said to her.

advised Mary's sister _____ so many sweets.

3 "Don't cancel your trip because of us," we said to John.

off We told John _____ his trip because of us.

4 "I'm sorry I didn't tell you the truth," Peter said to us.

apologised Peter _____ the truth.

5 Is the gallery open in the afternoon?

know Do you _____ open in the afternoon?

6 "Why don't you try on a pair of jeans?" Peter asked Mary.

suggested Peter _____ a pair of jeans.

7 "You really must let me cook dinner," said Anne.

insisted Anne _____ dinner.

8 "What does he want to tell me?" Julie asked herself.

wondered Julie _____ to tell her.