

Prepositional Phrases

A Complete the blanks with the prepositions **in, on, at, for or by**.

_____ hire/rent	_____ sure/certain	_____ board	_____ public
_____ least	_____ post/air mail	_____ short	_____ cash
_____ the first place	_____ an excursion	_____ one's own	_____ chance
_____ schedule	_____ accident	_____ instance	_____ cheque
_____ a change	_____ other words	_____ a trip/tour	_____ a good/bad mood
_____ the move	_____ once	_____ private	

B Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions **in, on, at, under or without**.

- All assignments are due tomorrow _____ fail.
- A computer chooses the lottery numbers _____ random.
- Our house has been _____ the market for over two months but we haven't been able to sell it yet.
- Everyone was _____ a state of shock after the devastating news.
- I was _____ a loss for words when I was told I had won the prize.
- The roadworks _____ progress are responsible for the traffic jams.
- I can't go out tonight. I'm feeling a bit _____ the weather.
- The train is _____ sight. It will be pulling in any minute now.
- Dianne was refused entry to the club because she was _____ age.
- Final - year students are _____ a lot of pressure to pass their exams.
- I have bought this gym equipment _____ approval. I can return it within fifteen days.
- My brother faints _____ the sight of blood.
- My wife isn't here at the moment because she's away _____ business.

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

at a glance on the road in order for granted in common
on arrival at heart in some respects

- Although he seems rather abrupt at times, he is very kind _____.
- You should not take it _____ that your parents will always support you.
- Everything was _____ and ready to be inspected.
- _____, the earthquake doesn't seem to have caused any serious damage.
- We were _____ for two days before we reached our destination.
- _____ at the train station, they went straight to the platform.
- Even though I don't agree with your overall argument, I do agree with you _____.
- My brother and I don't have anything _____.