## Vocabulary section

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**Common phrasal verbs:**

give up /prep/

break down / adv /

cut down on / adv, prep/

Most common used phrasal verbs: 2020-2015 entrance exam

- take
- break
- turn
- put
- look
- come
- go
- bring
- get
- run

- cut down on- You ought to **cut down on** the amount of sugar you eat.
- give up – The thieves **gave** themselves **up** and were taken to prison.
- call off- The football match was **called off** due to bad weather.
- make out-What does this word say? I can't **make out** the handwriting.
- pick up-I need to the internet and **pick up** my e-mails.
- shut down-The car factory shut down and many workers have lost their

**Take:**

- **take over –** to take control of sth
- **take after –** to look like, resemble
- **take up –** to begin sth new (hobby, sport)
- **take off –** to leave the ground

John has decided to take ..... tennis.

Rachel really takes ..... her mother.

**Break:**

- **break down** – to stop working
- **break into –** to enter a place by force
- **break out –** to begin suddenly (war, fire, etc)
- **break up –** to stop for holidays (school), to end a romantic relationship

My car broke ..... so I walked to my work.

Burglars broke ..... my house last night and stole my jewelry.

**Turn:**

- **turn into –** to change into
- **turn down –** to refuse to accept
- **turn on / off –** to switch on / off
- **turn up –** to arrive

We waited for hours, but she never turned ..... .

The magician made the bird turn ..... a rabbit.

**Put:**

- **put out –** to stop a fire burning, to extinguish
- **put on –** to wear, to gain weight
- **put off –** to postpone
- **put up with –** tolerate

Don't forget to put ..... the candles before you go to bed.

He put ..... the meeting until the following week.

**Look:**

- **look after** – to take care of sth / sb
- **look for –** try to find
- **look forward to –** to expect sth pleasure
- **look up –** to try to find sth in a book or list

Susan looked ..... my cat while we were on holiday.

Jane is really looking ..... ..... her brother's wedding.

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**Come:**

- **come across -** meet / find by chance
- **come into -** inherit
- **come over -** visit
- **come up with -** find, think of (an idea, a solution)

1.The boys came ..... a brilliant idea for raising money.

2.I came ..... my old school books yesterday when I was tidying the attic.

3. He came ..... a fortune when his father died.

4. My house has a beautiful garden. Why don't you come ..... and see it?

**Go:**

- **go on –** continue, happen
- **go off –** explode, ring (an alarm)
- **go round –** be enough for sharing
- **go up –** rise, increase
- **go with –** suit, match

1. The price of petrol has gone ..... again.

2. Is there enough coffee to go ..... or shall I make some more?

3. My alarm went ..... at 6 o'clock this morning.

4. This bag goes ..... my dress very well.

5. Things are going ..... fine at the moment.

**Bring:**

- **bring back –** remember memory
- **bring out –** publish, put on the market
- **bring up –** raise a child
- **bring round –** persuade

1.My favourite singer has just brought ..... a new record.

2. It's difficult to bring ..... children alone.

3. I'm trying to bring my father ..... to my ideas.

4. These old photos always bring ..... my childhood.

**Get:**

- **get along with –** be friendly
- **get in / get out –** суух/ бууx (car, taxi, truck)
- **get on / get off -** суух/ бууx (bus, train, plane)
- **get over –** recover, overcome
- **get through –** use up, finish, organize, reach sb by telephone,

1. Bill got ..... his illness quickly and returned to work.

2. We get ..... two loaves of bread a day.

3. She always gets ..... with her boss.

4. You should get ..... a taxi not to be late.

**Run:**

- **run across –** meet sb / find sth by chance
- **run away** (from / with)- escape
- **run out of –** no longer have a supply of sth
- **run down –** stop working (of a clock / batteries)

1.Neil ran ..... from home when he was 17.

2. We've run ..... milk again. I'll go and buy some more.

3. The remote control isn't working. I think the batteries must have run ..... .

4.You'll never guess what I ran ..... at a car boot sale yesterday.

## ***Idioms***

**Idioms are** expression that cannot be understood from the meaning of its separate words but must be learned as a whole expression. Idioms have figurative meaning. ***"rain cats and dogs"***

**Literal** →

**Figurative** →

**- rain heavily**

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**Examples with common idioms:**

1. It's *raining cats and dogs!*
2. These groceries *cost an arm and a leg*!
3. You are the *apple of my eye*.
4. I'm glad you didn't *get cold feet*.
5. This game is *coming down to the wire*!
6. This cupcake is *out of this world*.
7. I am going to *toss my cookies*!
8. You're *driving me up the wall*.
9. That was *a piece of cake*.
10. My sister is *a night owl*. She always doing her homework late.

- **Once in a blue moon** you see the Aurora here.
  a. Always b. Sometimes C. Very rarely D. never E. Most of the time
- When my mum bought me a computer, I was on cloud nine.
  A. very happy B. frustrated C. disappointed D. not very happy E. bored
- **hit the hay**
  A. get up early B. go to bed C. make hay D. stay up E. leave home
- Jim is a **straight arrow**.
  - trustworthy B. unreliable C. arrogant D. decisive E. independent

**Prepositional phrase**

# Common Mistakes With Prepositions

| Always Write | Never Use |
|---|---|
| John was just **in** time to catch the taxi. | on |
| George's methods are different **from** yours. | than |
| There are **more than** 200 clients there. | over |
| Our company is ashamed **of** him. | for |
| Mary feels superior **to** everybody else. | than |
| The customer was **on** time for the meeting. | in |
| Look **out of the** window. | out |
| Meet the board members **at** the office. | in |
| Our MD is aiming **at** leaving South America. | for |
| The player died **of** leukaemia. | from |
| The project will cost **about** a million rand. | around |

## ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

| OF | FOR | WITH | TO | ABOUT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| • Afraid of | • Eager for | • Associated with | • Attracted to | • Angry about |
| • Ashamed of | • Eligible for | • Bored with | • Accustomed to | • Anxious about |
| • Aware of | • Famous for | • Blessed with | • Addicted to | • Enthusiastic about |
| • Capable of | • Grateful for | • Confronted with | • Allergic to | • Excited about |
| • Certain of | • Notorious for | • Crowded with | • Indifferent to | • Furious about |
| • Conscious of | • Prepared for | • Delighted with | • Kind to | • Happy about |
| • Envious of | • Ready for | • Disappointed with | • Married to | • Nervous about |
| • Independent of | • Renowned for | • Fed up with | • Receptive to | • Pessimistic about |
| • Jealous of | • Responsible for | • Familiar with | • Related to | • Sad about |
| • Proud of | • Respected for | • Pleased with | • Similar to | • Serious about |
| • Silly of | • Suitable for | • Popular with | • Superior to | • Upset about |
| • Typical of | • Thankful for | • Satisfied with | • Unfriendly to | • Worried about |

## NOUNS + PREPOSITIONS

| ON | ABOUT | INTO | IN |
|---|---|---|---|
| • Debate on | • Agreement about | • Inquiry into | • A decrease in |
| • Information on | • Anxiety about | • Investigation into | • A fall in |
| • Hold on | • Concern about | • Research into | • A rise in |
| • Agreement on | • Confusion about | • Translation into | • An increase in |
| • Ban on | • Debate about | | • Belief in |
| • Congratulations on | • Decision about | | • Change in |
| • Decision on | • Information about | | • Course in |
| • Report on | • Story about | | • Delay in |
| | | | • Difference in |
| | | | • Difficulty in |
| | | | • Experience in |
| | | | • Growth in |
| | | | • Interest in |
| | | | • Lesson in |
| | | | • Participation in |
| | | | • Place in |
| | | | • Success in |

| OVER | BETWEEN | FROM |
|---|---|---|
| • Authority over | • Link between | • Excerpt from |
| • Control over | • A connection between | • Transition from |
| | • A contact between two | |
| | • A difference between two | |
| | • A relationship between | |
| | • Bond between | |

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| TO | FOR | FROM | ON | ABOUT | WITH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| • Adapt to | • Admire for | • Abstain from | • Agree on | • Argue about | • Acquaint with |
| • Add to | • Apologize for | • Borrow from | • Base on | • Ask about | • Agree with |
| • Agree to | • Apply for | • Escape from | • Be on | • Be about | • Associate with |
| • Apologize to | • Ask for | • Graduate from | • Blame on | • Boast about | • Charge with |
| • Belong to | • Blame for | • Hide from | • Comment on | • Care about | • Clutter with |
| • Consent to | • Care for | • Infer from | • Concentrate on | • Concern about | • Coincide with |
| • Devote to | • Excuse for | • Prevent from | • Congratulate on | • Decide about | • Collide with |
| • Happen to | • Head for | • Prohibit from | • Count on | • Dream about | • Compare with |
| • Lead to | • Long for | • Protect from | • Depend on | • Forget about | • Comply with |
| • Listen to | • Pay for | • Recover from | • Elaborate on | • Know about | • Confront with |
| • Object to | • Pray for | • Rescue from | • Impose on | • Laugh about | • Confuse with |
| • React to | • Prepare for | • Resign from | • Insist on | • Protest about | • Cover with |
| • Refer to | • Scold for | • Retire from | • Play on | • Think about | • Cram with |
| • Reply to | • Search for | • Save from | • Pride on | • Worry about | • Deal with |
| • Speak to | • Vote for | • Separate from | • Rely on | | • Discuss with |
| • Talk to | • Wait for | • Stem from | • Work on | | • Help with |
| • Talk to | • Wish for | • Suffer from | | | • Tamper with |
| • Turn to | • Work for | | | | • Trust with |

**Common expressions preposition + nouns**

- **on business**
- **in a hurry**
- **on a diet**
- **out of sight**
- **on the news**
- **on TV**
- **on the radio**
- **by mistake**
- **in my opinion**
- **from scratch**
- **by surprise**
- **at random**

**Examples:**

- I mustn't eat any chocolate. I'm …… diet.
- She selected a CD …… random and put it in the CD player.
- Mongolia is famous …… its natural resources.
- I agree …….. your solutions.
- We are searching …… necessary information now.
- My friend is allergic …….. all types of nuts.
- I'm thinking …… buying new car at the moment.

## Antonyms and synonyms

**Success:**

Synonyms: victory, prosperity, achievement, fame…etc

Antonyms: failure, defeat, loss, … etc

***Read the sentences carefully. Then choose the opposites for the bold words from A, B, C, D or E***

- The river, we crossed yesterday, was **deep**.
  A. narrow B. wide C. low D. shallow E. high
- The company **fires** part time workers because of order.
  A. donates B. pays C. hires D. keeps E. invests
- One of the most serious natural disasters is **drought**.
  A. fire B. flood C. hurricane D. storm E. earthquake

***Choose the one that has the similar meaning to the underlined word.***

- Coffee, tea, wine, beer and milk are beverages.
  A. meals B. snacks C. cuisines D. drinks E. foods
- Two writers collaborated with Japanese researchers on the study.
  A. collated B. cooperated C. divorced D. coincided E. separated

***Choose the correct prefix to form the opposite adjective.***

- _____ --- respectful A. dis B. un C. ir D. de E. im

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## Phrasal verb exercise

**SELF-CHECK**

1. While we were driving to Venice, our car ran _____ petrol.
   A. around B. into C. over D. away E. out of
2. The professor put _____ the meeting until the following week.
   A. on B. off C. out D. down E. up
3. When we arrived at the airport, the plane had already taken _____.
   A. away B. after C. down D. up E. off
4. He's so smart that he always comes _____ brilliant ideas.
   A. up B. across C. up with D. back E. round
5. Guess what! I ran _____ my favorite comedian actor yesterday.
   A. into B. away C. over D. out of E. around
6. Don't forget to put _____ the candles before you go to bed!
   A. down B. on C. off D. out E. up
7. Susan decided to take _____ swimming as a hobby.
   A. away B. after C. down D. off E. up
8. Justin came _____ a lot of money when his aunt died.
   A. into B. up with C. up D. back E. round
9. The washing machine has broken _____. I'll call a repairman.
   A. up B. in C. into D. out E. down
10. The firemen put the fire _____ very quickly, so it didn't spread.
    A. off B. out C. up D. down E. away
11. They turned him _____ for the job because he didn't have the right qualifications.
    A. on B. into C. down D. up E. off
12. Rachel takes _____ her grandmother, they look very much alike.
    A. off B. after C. over D. up E. away
13. The couple broke _____ for a while, but then got back together.
    A. out B. in C. up D. into E. down
14. He put _____ his dentist's appointment due to much work yesterday.
    A. off B. on C. out D. up E. up with
15. Water turns _____ ice when it freezes.
    A. off B. down C. up D. into E. on
16. The plane took _____ after a one-hour delay.
    A. in B. up C. over D. after E. off
17. I think this curtain will go _____ our wallpaper very well.
    A. up B. out C. with D. down E. in
18. The firefighters immediately put _____ the fire near the forest and prevented a great disaster.
    A. down B. out C. up D. in E. off
19. The burglars broke ……the jewelry shop last night.
    A. out B. into C. up D. down E. off
20. Robin: Can I use your dictionary to look ……. some words?
    Ashley: Sure thing! Here you are.
    A. at B. down C. after D. up E. out
21. Get _____ the bus at the train station, then walk about 100 metres and you'll see the theatre.
    A. on B. off C. up D. along E. over
22. The children take _____ their school uniforms when they get home.
    A. on B. off C. after D. over E. up
23. It's dark in here. _____the lights.
    A. Turn in B. Turn off C. Turn up D. Turn down E. Turn on

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24. It's cold and windy outside. Put _____ your coat.

A. in B. down C. off D. up E. on

25. _____--- continue.

A. go out B. go on C. look for D. get up E. put on

26. _____--- begin wearing something.

A. wake up B. go on C. put on D. switch on E. work out

27. _____--- recover from an illness or bad experience.

A. get over B. go on C. go out D. get up E. put on

28. _____--- return something to its place.

A. put back B. get on C. get up D. put out E. switch on

29. We can **see** the meaning of any new word in the dictionary.

A. look forward to B. look through C. look after D. look up E. look down

30. Please, **remove** your shoes and hats when you enter the Buddhist temple.

A. take up B. take after C. take off D. take out E. take away

31. Everyone **arrived** on time for today's class.

A. turned in B. turned on C. turned off D. turned up E. turned down

32. I need to connect to the Internet and **access** my e-mails.

A. pick off B. pick up C. pick out D. pick on E. pick in

33. According to your application, we may **expect to see** you next Tuesday.

A. look forward to B. look through C. look after D. look up E. look down

34. They warned us to **wear** official costumes during the workshop.

A. put up B. put down C. put off D. put out E. put on

35. The car factory has **closed** and many workers have lost their jobs.

A. shut down B. shoot through C. shut up D. shoot up E. set out

36. Please, **write** all your suggestions on paper and we'll discuss them.

A. put up B. put through C. put back D. put down E. put in

37. I couldn't **understand** what he was saying with all the noise.

A. make up B. make out C. make for D. make of E. make in

38. I am organizing a little **party**. I hope you can come.

A. get up to B. get together C. get out D. get through E. get on

39. We participated in the students' event last Saturday.

A. took after B. took off C. took on D. took part in E. took out

40. It is very difficult to raise children away from modern technology.

A. bring round B. bring out C. bring about D. bring off E. bring up

41. Why did you refuse such a good offer?

A. turn off B. turn over C. turn on D. turn up E. turn down

42. My doctor says I'm overweight. I should reduce fatty foods.

A. cut down on B. cut out C. cut off D. cut back E. cut on

43. Don't delay your holiday while the weather is pleasant.

A. put out B. put up C. put off D. put on E. put down

44. That song always remembers wonderful memories whenever I hear it.

A. brings around B. brings in C. brings down D. brings back E. brings off

45. Mark has **gained** 8 kilos since he moved here.

A. put up B. put on C. put off D. put through E. put out

46. Because the lead dancer was ill, they had to **cancel** the performance.

A. call off B. call over C. call in D. call out E. call on

47. I think it's going to take Mary quite a while to **recover from** her illness.

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A. get up B. get off C. get in D. get down E. get over

48. Have a piece of chocolate. I think there's enough to **be shared** among everyone.
A. go on B. go in C. go out D. go round E. go with

49. When her father dies, Joanna will **inherit** quite a lot of money.
A. come into B. come up C. come on D. come off E. come down

50. We are planning to **publish** a new magazine next week especially for teenagers.
A. bring on B. bring out C. bring in D. bring off E. bring down

51. It is very easy to **stop** smoking. I've done it hundreds of times!
A. give in B. give up C. give off D. give out E. give on

52. She wanted an evening job that would allow her **to care for** her son during the day.
A. look up B. look into C. look down D. look of E. look after

53. A: 'Does that dress **match** my eyes, do you think?
B: 'Which dress – the red or blue one?
A. go on B. go in C. go with D. go off E. go up

## *Idioms*

54. Michael is the only senior student in our selected group for the student math competition. He's <u>a head and shoulders above</u> the other students.
A. higher rank than others
B. on top of others
C. the best among others
D. much taller than others
E. much better than others

55. Bill is studying engineering in our department. He can do sculpting, carving, a bit of pottery – he's <u>a jack of all trades.</u>
A. having many skills and abilities
B. doing different jobs at the same time
C. being successful in business
D. making lots of money
E. having artistic ability

56. John would like to have a car like mine. He had <u>set his heart on</u> my car, but he was unhappy that I sold it.
A. fond of something
B. fall in love with something
C. really want something
D. really love technology
E. really like vehicles

57. Since the students won the competition they have <u>been in seventh heaven.</u> Their long-time wish was fulfilled.
A. To be included in a higher rank
B. To get a big prize
C. To be extremely smart
D. To get good reputation
E. To be extremely happy

58. My brother wasn't being that serious. He was just <u>pulling your leg</u>. He just wanted you to be relaxed.
A. To laugh at
B. To tell a lie
C. To tell the truth
D. To play a joke
E. To tell stupid stories

59. Andrew is quite old, but he's still <u>as sharp as a tack</u> in his work and life. He finds easy solutions to difficult problems.
A. To be very skillful
B. To be very sharp eyed
C. To be very intelligent
D. To be very curious
E. To be very straightforward

60. He's <u>up to his ears in</u> work and cannot possibly see you now.
A. associated with
B. very interested in
C. not involved with
D. concerned with
E. fully occupied with

61. Their mother always describes her twin sons as <u>like two peas in a pod</u>.
A. both round in shape
B. both saying the same thing
D. both looking exactly alike
E. both like cooking peas

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C. both full of fun

62. I was turning into the left lane when a car <u>came out of nowhere</u> and hit me.
    A. stopped right in front of me
    B. spun over
    C. suddenly appeared
    D. fell off a truck
    E. broke down

63. You remember I told you about that car that <u>cost</u> me <u>an arm and a leg</u>?
    A. a fair amount of money
    B. a small amount of money
    C. a good amount of money
    D. a huge amount of money
    E. a short amount of money

**64. Let the cat out of the bag**
    A. to accidentally reveal a secret
    B. to lose something very valuable
    C. to allow a cat run out of the bag
    D. to accidentally lose an animal from a box
    E. to help someone escape from a difficult situation

65. What does it mean if you say something '**tongue in cheek**'?
    A. You are lying.
    B. You have a very big month
    C. You're very hungry
    D. You are joking, even though you might appear to be serious.
    E. What you are saying is a secret, and you don't expect the other person to tell

**66. Bite the bullet**
    A. to feel very hungry
    B. to make someone angry
    C. to swallow very hot thing
    D. to suddenly find yourself in a dangerous situation
    E. to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult

67. I'd gladly loan you the money, but I can't because I'm **flat broke**.
    A. have a trouble renting a flat
    B. have a debt to pay
    C. renovate a house
    D. have no money at all
    E. get a loan from a bank

68. It has been **raining cats and dogs** all day.
    A. rain with cats and dogs
    B. animals appear
    C. rain heavily
    D. dogs chase cats all day
    E. cats always afraid of dogs

## <u>Prepositional phrases</u>

1. My grandfather was born _____9 May 1945.
   A. in B. by C. of D. on E.at 19.
2. The students are doing research _____people's shopping habits.
   A. for B. with C. at D. on E. in
3. The horse-drawn carriages were decorated _____flowers.
   A. with B. by C. from D.in E. of
4. _____ it was raining, he took his umbrella with him.
   A. For B. Still C. By D. Since E. During
5. We can walk to the shops more quickly if we go_____ the sports field.
   A. above B. between C. below D. over E. across
6. Tina and Gary insist _____applying for the same university as me.
   A. with B. by C. on D. in E. of 21
7. Please don't serve any seafood at dinner. I'm allergic _____it.
   A. from B. of C.by D. to E. with
8. The professor translated the poem _____ Russian.
   A. into B. to C. in D. on E. at 20.
9. Big supermarkets are always crowded _____ people.
   A. with B. in C. on D.at E. by

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10. My brother has been watching the cartoon _____ three hours.
A. since B. for C.at D. during E. till
11. Mongolia is located _____ the heart of Central Asia.
A. down B. of C. at D. on E. inside
12. The teacher was angry _____ the students who were naughty.
A. with B. by C. from D.in E. of
13. You are afraid _____ snakes, aren't you?
A. of B. by C. in D. from E. at
14. The student apologized _____ being late.
A. in B. for C. by D. at E. of
15. I suggested we should all go out for the concert but nobody else was keen ___ the idea.
A. at B. of C. from D. in E. on
16. Get _____ the bus at the train station, then walk about 100 metres and you'll see the theatre.
A. on B. off C. up D. along E. over
17. Boloroo is going to start her new job next month. She is quite excited _____ it.
A. on B. for C. in D. from E. about
18. Your watch is similar _____ mine but it isn't exactly the same.
A. at B. as C. from D. to E. by
19. Mrs. Suvd is a very keen gardener. She's very proud _____her garden and loves showing it to visitors.
A. from B. in C. of D. on E. at
20. The children take _____ their school uniforms when they get home.
A. on B. off C. after D. over E. up
21. Don't worry. I'll look after you. There is nothing to be scared _____.
A. in B. by C. of D. from E. at
22. I was surprised when I met her for the first time. She was different _____ what I expected.
A. from B. in C. by D. on E. at
23. An editor is the person who is responsible _____ what appears in a news.
A. from B. for C. by D. on E. at
24. Do you want to watch the news on television? No, I am not interested _____ It.
A. at B. on C. in D. from E. by
25. Mongolia is famous _____ its culture and art treasures.
A. from B. at C. in D. for E. by
26. Nomin is going to start her new job next month. She is quite excited _____ it.
A. about B. for C. in D. from E. on

## Antonyms and synonyms

Read the sentences carefully. Then choose the opposites for the bold words from A, B, C, D or E

1. The river, we crossed yesterday, was **deep**.
A. narrow B. wide C. low D. shallow E. high
2. My mother doesn't like the people who are too **generous**.
A. punctual B. stingy C. dishonest D. reliable E. lazy
3. The main idea of his lecture was how to **save** money wisely.
A. donate B. enjoy C. earn D. keep E. spend
4. Could you tell me where the nearest **exit** is?
A. door B. entrance C. gate D. hall E. balcony
5. My friend respects the people who are **humble**.
A. mood B. unkind C. honest D. reliable E. vain

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