Dependent Prepositions

1. Read the sentences and decide which preposition should go in each space.

adjective + preposition

Many people are not ***aware*** _____ the amount of salt in ready-made meals.	
Many children are not ***capable*** _____ understanding that what they are watching is an advert designed to make them buy.	
There is a lot of pollution in cities **due** _____ the traffic.	
A new government scheme ***devoted*** _____ increasing literacy in developing countries would be a better way to help than charity donations.	
We were particularly ***dissatisfied*** _____ the food in the hotel.	
Older people are rarely ***familiar*** _____ new technology.	
I'm ***fed up*** _____ having to travel so far to work every day.	
I'm so ***hooked*** _____ the new series that I binged on the first 10 episodes this weekend.	
Learning to play in a group is ***imperative*** _____ the development of children's social skills.	
Local people are rarely ***interested*** _____ learning about the history of their region.	
The government is definitely ***responsible*** _____ the care of the elderly.	
Parents should be more ***vigilant*** _____ their children's diet to ensure that they don't become overweight.	
The UK is ***well known*** _____ its education system.	

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verb + *preposition*

I am writing to *apologise* _____ the noise coming from my apartment last Friday evening, which I am sure disturbed you.	
Many consumers find it hard to *ask* _____ a refund even if the product is faulty or not fit for purpose.	
A number of factors *contribute* _____ climate warming, including car emissions and methane from cattle.	
A lot of small shops *depend* _____ people walking past their storefront to gain customers.	
Aggressive advertising techniques can actually *deter* some customers _____ buying a product or service.	
If we don't address the problem of deforestation soon, some species will *disappear* _____ the world forever.	
The main problem with plastic bags is that people don't *dispose* _____ them properly, so they litter the streets.	
I don't believe that community service should be *incorporated* _____ school curriculums for two reasons.	
If companies *invested* more money _____ staff training, they could improve their customer service and, in turn, their profit.	
Consumerism *plays a role* _____ the amount of rubbish that is generated today.	
I would be very grateful if you could *provide* me _____ more information about the courses that your college offers.	
Too many young people today have to *rely* _____ help from their parents to be able to afford to attend university.	
Insisting that teenagers have to stay inside every evening could *result* _____ them becoming resentful of authority.	
If you live in a tidy home, it can make it much easier to *search* _____ the items that you need.	
Having so much product choice often means that consumers *spend* money _____ goods that they don't need.	
Governments have already *succeeded* _____ reducing the number of people who can smoke, so why can't they do the same for obesity levels?	

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noun + *preposition*

The increase in cars on the road means that the *demand* _____ fossil fuels has also increased.	
There is a definite *difference* _____ volunteering for community service and being forced to participate.	
I am writing to express my *disappointment* _____ the service that we received in your restaurant last week.	
There is no *hope* _____ addressing the issue of hunger until food is distributed more evenly around the world.	
Having a fixed punishment for each crime could have a massive *impact* _____ the crime rate, as it will act as a deterrent.	
There has been a large *increase* _____ the number of people travelling abroad in recent years.	
The invention of the Internet has had an *impact* _____ almost every area of life.	
The key _____ lowering the crime rate is reducing poverty.	
A key factor _____ being a good parent is learning how to control your own emotions.	
Open-plan offices almost always suffer from ***a*** *lack* _____ privacy.	
There is a definite *need* _____ well-integrated public transport systems in major cities.	
There *is no point* _____ inviting John – I know that he is on holiday this week.	
High ticket costs can *prevent* local people _____ going to historic sites.	
There are a number of *reasons* _____ the poor behaviour in schools today.	
One *solution* _____ unemployment in rural areas is encouraging large companies to move their head offices to country towns.	
The best *way* _____ encourage people to exercise is to provide free public gyms and swimming pools.	

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