

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.	

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?	

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.	