LESSON: 5
TOPIC: Use of Prepositions (miscellaneous)
TASK: 1 of 1

1. Read the text and choose the right preposition:

✓ **Text 1**

Pluto's family portrait is complete **1) …** NASA's New Horizons spacecraft snapped shots **2) …** its smallest moon Kerberos. Though it looks more or less like a blob **3) …** space, the series of images is providing scientists 4**) …** reams of information. Kerberos appears to be smaller than scientists expected and has a highly-reflective surface, countering predictions made prior **5) …** the Pluto flyby **6) …** July.

1	a) in front of	b) after	c) behind	d) off
2	a) with	b) of	c) in	d) by
3	a) in	b) at	c) on	d) to
4	a) -	b) of	c) with	d) to
5	a) by	b) in	c) to	d) at
6	a) at	b) on	c) in	d) over

✓ **Text 2**

It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee **1) …** the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples **2) …** a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle **3) …** the weight **4) …** a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn **5) …** the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes **6) …** unexpected places.

1	a) for	b) in	c) of	d) to
2	a) after	b) off	c) with	d) at
3	a) with	b) to	c) in	d) at
4	a) in	b) by	c) of	d) to
5	a) for	b) to	c) -	d) at
6	a) out	b) by	c) from	d) before

✓ **Text 3**

A fusion experiment **1)…** the world's biggest laser facility released **2)…** 1.3 million joules of energy, coming close **3)…** a break-even point known as ignition, where fusion begins to release more energy than required to detonate it. Reaching ignition would strengthen hopes that fusion could one day serve as a clean, plentiful energy source, a goal that scientists have struggled to make progress toward. **4)…** pummeling a tiny capsule with lasers at the National Ignition Facility, or NIF, **5)…** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, scientists triggered fusion reactions that churned **6)…** more than 10 quadrillion watts of power over 100 trillionths of a second.

1	a) on	b) for	c) at	d) to
2	a) out	b) -	c) on	d) back
3	a) in	b) for	c) to	d) by
4	a) By	b) In	c) To	d) For
5	a) to	b) on	c) at	d) with
6	a) out	b) for	c) on	d) to

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✓ **Text 4**

FACEBOOK recently came in fire for sucking the life **1) …** our iPhones. Even when it wasn't running **2) …** the background, and even with iOS 9's new attention to saving your battery life, Facebook was still draining iPhones everywhere. Today Facebook, addressed the problem **3) …** a post from engineering manager Ari Grant. Grant says part **4) …** the problem was the CPU spin **5) …** the app's network code: "A CPU spin is like a child **6) …** a car asking, 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?' with the question not resulting in any progress to reaching the destination."

1	a) out of	b) from	c) off	d) to
2	a) with	b) in	c) by	d) to
3	a) at	b) for	c) with	d) in
4	a) by	b) about	c) to	d) of
5	a) at	b) of	c) in	d) on
6	a) on	b) in	c) before	d) at

✓ **Text 5**

1) … instance, a few decades ago, social psychologist Craig Anderson and colleagues showed undergraduates four video clips of couples engaged **2) …** dialog. One clip was neutral in tone, while the remaining three showed escalating tension **3) …** the duo. The undergraduate students watching the clips were each sitting in a room **4) …** the thermostat set to one of five different temperatures, ranging **5) …** a cool 14° C to a hot 36° C. The researchers then asked the students to score the couples' hostility level. Anderson, now of Iowa State University in Ames, found **6) …** that students in uncomfortably warm rooms scored all the couples, even the neutral one, as more hostile than students in rooms with comfortable temperatures did.

1	a) To	b) In	c) On	d) For
2	a) for	b) in	c) with	d) into
3	a) along	b) among	c) between	d) over
4	a) with	b) at	c) in	d) to
5	a) from	b) into	c) to	d) at
6	a) out	b) for	c) -	d) to

✓ **Text 6**

Sticky hairs **1) …** themselves aren't unusual — many noncarnivorous plants use them to defend **2) …** pests. But T. occidentalis has qualities that some meat-eating plants share: a love of bright, boggy, nutrient-poor habitats and the absence of a gene that fine-tunes how plants get energy **3) …** light. Together, those features felt like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle hinting **4) …** carnivory, says botanist Sean Graham of the University of British Columbia **5) …** Vancouver. To solve the puzzle, Graham and colleagues needed to know if the wildflower pulls nutrients **6) …** insect corpses.

1	a) by	b) with	c) on	d) to
2	a) after	b) along	c) against	d) among
3	a) from	b) to	c) in	d) out of
4	a) at	b) in	c) from	d) to
5	a) at	b) to	c) in	d) for
6	a) from	b) for	c) out	d) to

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