

USE OF ENGLISH 2

Collocations/expressions

A The following expressions include the words **day**, **year** and **time**. Complete them with prepositions.

DAY	YEAR	TIME	
_____ this day and age	all year _____	_____ a period of time	_____ sb's free time
day _____ day	year _____ year	_____ time to time	_____ no time
	_____ this time	_____ the first time	have no time _____
	of the year	_____ the right time	take time _____ work

B Complete the sentences with the collocations / expressions in the box below.

the other day all day long call it a day at times on time
 in time pass the time ahead of its time time and time again for the time being

- 1 Despite technical problems, the flight left _____.
- 2 We'll be getting a new printer next month. So, _____, we have to put up with this one.
- 3 Most engineers agreed that the car's design was _____.
- 4 I started a conversation with the person sitting next to me on the bus to _____.
- 5 I saw Sally _____. Did you know that she had broken her leg?
- 6 The match started at 7 pm and Jack arrived just _____ for the kick-off.
- 7 Let's _____ and go home. We've been working for over twelve hours without a break.
- 8 He keeps making the same mistake _____.
- 9 I find it very difficult to agree with you _____. Your views can sometimes be extreme.
- 10 I have been sleepy _____ today. I don't know what's the matter with me.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs **hold**, **run**, **catch** or **keep**.

- 1 The student was _____ **in the act** of cheating by the examiner.
- 2 I just need you to _____ **an eye on** Sam while I go out.
- 3 Jenny will certainly _____ everyone's **attention** with that dress she's wearing.
- 4 Blue eyes and red hair _____ **in my family**. Only my aunt has brown eyes.
- 5 When my grandmother was in hospital, I used to _____ **her company** in the afternoons.
- 6 Mary is moving to another city, but we promised to _____ **in touch with** each other.
- 7 _____ **a business** requires many skills and expertise.
- 8 You can't rely on Roger. Actually, he's the kind of person that can't _____ **a promise**.
- 9 The winner of the marathon had to _____ **his breath** before speaking to the journalist.
- 10 Please _____ **in mind** that smoking is not allowed in this building.
- 11 We all _____ **our breath** when the winner of the competition was being announced.
- 12 As I was running to _____ **the bus**, I slipped and fell.
- 13 Can you _____ **a secret**? Jane is organising a surprise party for Kevin's birthday!
- 14 The children _____ **hands** while walking down the street.

Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

A LOOK

- We **looked after** Ben's house while he was on holiday.
- We are all **looking forward to** the opening game of the season.
- The authorities promised to **look into** the claims of corruption.
- I **looked over** your essay and can suggest some improvements.
- Look out!** The pavement is broken and you might trip.
- Look up** the meaning of the word in the dictionary.
- John **looks down on** people who aren't as rich as he is.
- Children often **look up to** sports heroes.

- have a poor opinion of
- respect, admire
- warn somebody about potential danger
- take care of
- expect sth pleasant to happen
- investigate
- inspect quickly
- try to find in a book or list

B CHECK, WATCH, SHOW

- We were told to **check in** at the airport as early as possible.
- Guests are kindly reminded to **check out** by 12 o'clock.
- The tourists were told to **watch out for** pickpockets.
- The older children were told to **watch over** the younger ones.
- The man was **showing off** his new sports car to his friends.
- Everybody **showed up** at the party on Saturday night.

- be careful about
- care for sb or sth, especially because it is your responsibility
- arrive, appear
- report one's arrival at a hotel/airport etc.
- pay the bill and leave (a hotel/clinic etc.)
- try to make people notice and admire

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives		Nouns	Verbs
accustomed _____	familiar _____ sb (=well known)	knowledge _____	fill sth _____ sth
addicted _____	familiar _____ sb (=friendly)	a rise _____	else
amused _____	be familiar _____ sth (=know well)	(feel) sympathy _____	involve _____
astonished _____	famous _____	a talent _____	know _____ sth
(un)aware _____	fond _____	a taste _____ (=flavour, brief experience)	(=have knowledge of)
crazy _____	impressed _____	a taste _____ (=liking, preference)	
cruel _____	interested _____		
curious _____	keen _____		
delighted _____	known _____ (=regarded)		
enthusiastic _____	pleased _____		
excited _____	rude _____		
	typical _____		

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- Did you **know** _____ the surprise party?
- Are you **familiar** _____ the company's no smoking policy?
- Do you like the **taste** _____ red wine more than that of white wine?
- He is feared by everyone in the area. He's **known** _____ 'The Cleaner'.
- I'm really **keen** _____ the idea of spending my holiday on an island in the Mediterranean.

- 6 This village looks familiar _____ me. Have we been here before?
- 7 A rise _____ inflation would have negative consequences for the country's economy.
- 8 I didn't like olive oil but I've developed a taste _____ it now that I'm living in Spain.

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases more than one word may be correct.

A protect rescue save support secure defend guard

- 1 We bought a watchdog to _____ our house.
- 2 In times of a war every soldier is obliged to _____ his country.
- 3 The paramedics managed to _____ the driver from the debris of the car, but they couldn't _____ the passenger, who had been seriously injured.
- 4 Make sure you _____ all items on the roof-rack so that nothing falls off.
- 5 Wildlife organisations aim to _____ rare species of animals from becoming extinct by _____ them from dangerous situations and _____ safer places for them to live in.
- 6 Parents must _____ their children during the difficult times in their life.

B injure wound hurt collapse harm

- 1 During the earthquake a number of buildings _____ and hundreds of people were _____.
- 2 My grandfather fought in World War II, but he was sent home when he was _____.
- 3 Let go of my hand! You're _____ me!
- 4 The dog won't _____ you. It's friendly.
- 5 The athlete had a heart attack and _____ as he was running.

C damage injury wound pain ache

- 1 John was in a lot of _____ when he cut his finger with a knife and had to have the _____ stitched.
- 2 The hurricane caused millions of dollars worth of _____.
- 3 After a couple of days the _____ in my lower back had gone.
- 4 Kelly's _____ was serious, so she was taken to hospital.

D endanger risk threaten warn

- 1 I must _____ you about my dog - it's vicious.
- 2 The security guards dealt with the robbers without _____ any lives.
- 3 Our neighbours _____ to call the police if we didn't turn the music down.
- 4 The World Wildlife Fund updates its list of _____ species every year.
- 5 She _____ her life to save the young boy from drowning.

E illness disease infection sickness weakness accident incident

- 1 If you don't want to get a(n) _____, I suggest you clean and dress the wound.
- 2 Penicillin has been used to fight many infectious _____.
- 3 Some people suffer from altitude _____ at many mountain ski resorts.
- 4 Young children come down with many _____ when they first go to school.
- 5 Charles had a(n) _____ at work and he was taken to hospital.
- 6 I must be coming down with the flu because I have a general feeling of _____.
- 7 A serious _____ near the border made the government take strict measures concerning immigration.

F cure heal treat recover overcome

- 1 It took me months to _____ my grandmother's death.
- 2 Mavis was _____ for her wound and within days it began to _____.
- 3 Ethel _____ from her illness after being confined to bed for a fortnight.
- 4 When my father came out of hospital, he seemed to be completely _____; however, his condition deteriorated after a few days.

G sensible sensitive sensational emotional

- 1 The concert was fantastic and the laser show _____.
- 2 Buying a cheaper car was a(n) _____ decision considering you had a limited budget.
- 3 Joel is really _____ and cries if you raise your voice.
- 4 You look _____ in that dress. You should buy it.
- 5 Apart from food and shelter, the refugees needed _____ support.

H produce develop increase build up create progress advance improve

- 1 If we take out another loan, we'll just _____ financial difficulties for ourselves.
- 2 Italy _____ some of the most stylish cars on the market.
- 3 Medicine has _____ in the last decade, with many more diseases being cured.
- 4 Max is a weak student and I try to _____ his confidence by asking him to work with more _____ students.
- 5 My French has _____ so much that I can have a conversation with a native speaker.
- 6 He has hopes of _____ his business and _____ his profits.
- 7 The weather has _____ quite a lot lately.

I reduce decrease destroy drop lower demolish fall

- 1 _____ your voice. The baby is asleep in the next room.
- 2 You should _____ speed when you're approaching a pedestrian crossing.
- 3 During the night the temperature _____ by ten degrees.
- 4 The village was completely _____ by the earthquake.
- 5 Don't _____ the eggs, otherwise the whole kitchen will stink.
- 6 The old building was _____ with the use of dynamite.
- 7 Peak season is over, so all the hotels in the area are _____ their rates.