1. After the operation Tim was in pain so his doctor gave him some medicine to make his body hurt less.

2. When Sarah saw Tina walking by she wanted to chat, but Tina was in a hurry. She had no time to talk because she was very busy.

3. When Dan ran out of gas while driving in the desert, he knew he was in trouble. There were many problems ahead for him.

4. Michelle is on a diet because she wants to be thinner. She has changed the amount and the type of food she eats.

5. The train to Paris is usually on time. It leaves the station at the planned time and is not late.

6. Peter wanted to go to Paris by car, but Emma said taking the train instead of driving a car is better for the environment.

7. Peter told Emma that going to Paris on foot would be better than going there by train because walking is even better for the environment.

8. On Black Friday you can buy many things on sale. They are sold at a reduced price.

9. After drinking his third beer Aaron bumped into Sam by accident when he was walking to the restroom. He did not mean to bump into him, it was an accident.

10. Sam thinks Aaron bumped into him on purpose because Aaron was mad that Sam was flirting with Aaron's girlfriend. Sam thinks it was not an accident that Aaron bumped into him.

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Directions: Match the prepositional phrase on the right with the correct definition on the left.

1. To have pain ____ a. On purpose
2. Needing to do something quickly because there isn't much time ____ b. By car
3. To have problems _____ c. On time
4. To have changed the amount and/or type of food you eat _____ d. On foot
5. To not be late _____ e. By accident
6. To do something you planned to do _____ f. In a hurry
7. Items that can be bought at a cheaper price _____ g. In pain
8. To ride somewhere in a car _____ h. In trouble
9. To do something you did not want and plan to do _____ i. On sale
10. To go somewhere by walking _____ j. On a diet

Directions: Choose the correct prepositional phrase for each blank.

One day Colin decided to go to a jewelry store after work to buy a necklace for his wife's birthday. Her birthday was that same day, and he needed a present or else he would be ! The necklace was that day so he knew it would be cheaper than normal. Because he was and wanted to lose weight, he decided to walk to the store instead of going . Unfortunately going to the store instead of took much longer than he expected because Colin was not used to exercise. It was almost 5:30 and the store would close soon, so Colin stopped at a crowded bus stop. He hoped the bus would be . Five minutes later the bus arrived. Colin thought the people getting on the bus with him were very slow, and he was , so he squeezed to the front of the line. Suddenly he felt a sharp pain on his foot. He turned around and saw an old lady with a walking stick looking up at him. She looked very angry but didn't say anything. Did she poke him with her walking stick because he cut the line (went to the front of the line)? Or did she do it because it was so crowded. Hmmm. Who knows! He was in pain, but he did make it to the store and his wife loved the necklace he gave her that evening.

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Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositional phrase. Use each one once.

1. Did you break my glass on purpose?
   No! I did it _____!
2. What will happen if your parents find out you failed your test?
   I will be _____!
3. Will you buy a new phone today?
   No, I will buy it on Friday. That's when it will be _____.
4. Are you going to the restaurant by car?
   No, the restaurant has no parking. I will go _____.
5. Why are you walking so fast?!
   Sorry, I am _____, I have so much to do this afternoon!
6. Why are you limping?
   I sprained my ankle and am _____.
7. Do you believe Sidney spilled her drink on Ramona by accident?
   No, I am sure she did it _____!
8. How will you get to New York? By plane? By train? On foot?
   No, I will go _____.
9. Why aren't you having any cake? This is your favorite cake!
   You are right about that, but I am _____!
10. Why are you in such a hurry? Slow down!
    I can't slow down, the show starts at 1:00 and I want to be _____.

Note: Use the verb "to be" with the following prepositional phrase:

- I am: in a hurry, In pain, In trouble, on a diet
- I am / It is: on time
- It is: on sale

Note: Use the verb "to go" with these prepositional phrases:

I went by plane, by car, by bus, on foot, etc.

Note: Use the verb "to do" with these prepositional phrases:

- I did it: on purpose, by accident

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