

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs	
amazed _____	a description _____	distinguish _____	remind sb _____ sth (=tell sb again to do sth)
careful _____	a failure _____	experiment _____ sth	remind sb _____ sb/sth (= seem similar to sb/sth)
crowded _____	a search _____	glance _____	smile _____
fed up _____	a solution _____	hear _____ sb/sth (=have information about)	specialise _____
ready _____		hear _____ sb (=have news from)	stare _____
satisfied _____		join _____	vote _____
		regard sb/sth _____	

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Must I always **remind** you _____ the need to follow the proper procedure?
- 2 I haven't **heard** _____ Lisa for over two weeks now.
- 3 The police released a **description** _____ the wanted man.
- 4 The park was **crowded** _____ enthusiastic teenagers celebrating the end of the school year.
- 5 There must be a **solution** _____ your problem.
- 6 "I'm a **failure** _____ life," declared the famous actor to his adoring fans.
- 7 In some cultures **staring** _____ people is considered offensive.

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Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs
accustomed _____	familiar _____ sb (=well known)	fill sth _____ sth
addicted _____	familiar _____ sb (=friendly)	else _____
amused _____	be familiar _____ sth (=know well)	involve _____
astonished _____	famous _____	know _____ sth (=have knowledge of)
(un)aware _____	fond _____	
crazy _____	impressed _____	
cruel _____	interested _____	
curious _____	keen _____	
delighted _____	known _____ (=regarded)	
enthusiastic _____	pleased _____	
excited _____	rude _____	
	typical _____	

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Did you **know** _____ the surprise party?
- 2 Are you **familiar** _____ the company's no smoking policy?
- 3 Do you like the **taste** _____ red wine more than that of white wine?
- 4 He is feared by everyone in the area. He's **known** _____ 'The Cleaner'.
- 5 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.

B Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on or at.

- 1 My brother is working part-time _____ the hospital.
- 2 There is a TV set _____ the corner of the room.
- 3 James sits _____ the front of the class.
- 4 They went on a boat ride _____ the river.
- 5 Homeless people sleep _____ the streets of most major cities.
- 6 He had to stay _____ hospital for a week after his operation.
- 7 My girlfriend is waiting for me _____ the corner.
- 8 The robbers parked their car _____ front of the bank.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, at, by, for, from or out.

- 1 You can hand in your assignments _____ Tuesday _____ the very latest.
- 2 A tattoo is _____ life. So, think carefully before deciding on having one done.
- 3 Kick-off is in twenty minutes, so _____ the meantime, do your warm-up exercises.
- 4 _____ the beginning, I didn't want to have a party _____ my birthday, but now I've changed my mind.
- 5 Typewriters are already _____ of date.
- 6 You should read the introduction _____ the beginning of the book.
- 7 _____ now on, no one is allowed to enter the school building during the lunch break.
- 8 I haven't seen Michael _____ ages, so I'm going to visit him _____ the weekend.
- 9 It's a pity I have to remain indoors _____ such a nice day.
- 10 I can't talk to you _____ the moment. Ring me back _____ a while.
- 11 It's difficult to see the moon in the sky _____ day.
- 12 I'm really worried about Sam. He should have been here _____ now.

C Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box below.

at a glance on the road in order for granted in common
on arrival at heart in some respects

- 1 Although he seems rather abrupt at times, he is very kind _____.
- 2 You should not take it _____ that your parents will always support you.
- 3 Everything was _____ and ready to be inspected.
- 4 _____, the earthquake doesn't seem to have caused any serious damage.
- 5 We were _____ for two days before we reached our destination.
- 6 _____ at the train station, they went straight to the platform.
- 7 Even though I don't agree with your overall argument, I do agree with you _____.
- 8 My brother and I don't have anything _____.

A Complete the blanks with the prepositions in, on, at, for or by.

_____ hire/rent	_____ sure/certain	_____ board	_____ public
_____ least	_____ post/air mail	_____ short	_____ cash
_____ the first place	_____ an excursion	_____ one's own	_____ chance
_____ schedule	_____ accident	_____ instance	_____ cheque
_____ a change	_____ other words	_____ a trip/tour	_____ a good/bad mood
_____ the move	_____ once	_____ private	

B Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, at, under or without.

- All assignments are due tomorrow _____ fail.
- A computer chooses the lottery numbers _____ random.
- Our house has been _____ the market for over two months but we haven't been able to sell it yet.
- Everyone was _____ a state of shock after the devastating news.
- I was _____ a loss for words when I was told I had won the prize.
- The roadworks _____ progress are responsible for the traffic jams.
- I can't go out tonight. I'm feeling a bit _____ the weather.
- The train is _____ sight. It will be pulling in any minute now.
- Dianne was refused entry to the club because she was _____ age.
- Final - year students are _____ a lot of pressure to pass their exams.
- I have bought this gym equipment _____ approval. I can return it within fifteen days.
- My brother faints _____ the sight of blood.
- My wife isn't here at the moment because she's away _____ business.

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Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs
bad _____	a connection _____	arrive _____ a building
bound _____	a decrease _____	arrive _____ a city/country
close _____	an increase _____	depart _____ a place
different _____	a lack _____	differ _____
full _____	a reduction _____	divide sth _____ people (=give each a share of sth)
generous _____ sb		divide sth _____ sth (=separate into small parts)
inferior _____		divide a number _____ another number (Maths)
separate _____		receive sth _____ sb
superior _____		translate sth _____ one language _____
terrified _____		another

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- Can you please **translate** this document _____ French _____ English?
- They **arrived** _____ the hotel after midnight.
- The **lack** _____ medical supplies made the doctors' task even more difficult.
- The thieves **divided** the loot _____ themselves.
- He's very **generous** _____ his money and supports various charities.
- The teacher **divided** the class _____ four groups for the role-play.
- The manager is very **generous** _____ all his staff, regardless of their position in the company.
- We **arrived** _____ Frankfurt in the afternoon and looked for a hotel straightaway.