

## 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)	knowledge _____
addicted _____	familiar _____ sb (=friendly)	a rise _____
amused _____	be familiar _____ sth (=know well)	(feel) sympathy _____
astonished _____	famous _____	a talent _____
(un)aware _____	fond _____	a taste _____ (=flavour, brief experience)
crazy _____	impressed _____	a taste _____
cruel _____	interested _____	(=liking, preference)
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.

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

**B** Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

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