

UNIT 8 C

VOCABULARY: EXPRESSIONS WITH AT, ON, IN AND FOR

1 8.5 Match the expressions in **bold** in sentences 1–12 with definitions a–l. Listen and check.

- 1 Everything happened **at once**. I moved, got a job, and got married, all in May! _____
- 2 Bob was determined to win **at all costs**, and nothing could stop him. _____
- 3 It would be nice if, just **for once**, you could help me with the dishes! _____
- 4 We have shortened and adapted the text **for the sake of** simplicity. _____
- 5 Glenn is so deeply **in debt** and desperate for money that he's selling his car. _____
- 6 If Mom finds out I only got a D on the test, I'm **in trouble**! _____
- 7 I suggest we meet **on a regular basis** to discuss your progress. _____
- 8 The teacher proudly accepted the award **on behalf of** the whole class. _____
- 9 I was really **in doubt** and couldn't decide which apartment to buy. _____
- 10 When Bill lost his job, he was **at risk** of becoming homeless. _____
- 11 We go out for Thai food **once in a while**, but it's a little too spicy for me. _____
- 12 The police officer was **on duty**, so he was wearing a uniform. _____

- a despite the effort needed
- b for the purpose or in the interest of
- c immediately, at the same time
- d often or frequently
- e in a situation where you might be punished or blamed
- f on only one occasion
- g in place of or as a representative of
- h working at that moment
- i in danger
- j occasionally, from time to time
- k unsure about something
- l the state of owing money

2 Complete the sentences with expressions from exercise 1.

- 1 Her bike is too close to the cars. She's _____ of being hit!
- 2 He's _____ because he doesn't know which suit to buy.
- 3 I can't go and have coffee. I'm _____ right now at work.
- 4 I'm really _____ – I've just broken a really expensive ornament!
- 5 I don't see Cindy very often, just _____.
- 6 Can't Henry be quiet _____! I'm trying to do my homework.
- 7 I can't pay my rent this month as I'm so badly _____.
- 8 They have to stay friends _____. I hope they start talking to each other soon.

3 8.6 Complete the texts with the expressions in the box. Listen and check.

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Last night my girlfriend seemed upset

1 _____. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "Nothing." 2 _____, I just thought she was in a bad mood, but when I checked my Facebook page, I realized that it was her birthday yesterday. I'd completely forgotten! And 3 _____ that, she told me she'd taken the day off work yesterday so we could celebrate it together. Well, 4 _____ I won't forget it next year – I've already written it in my work diary and set an alarm on my phone to remind me!



I didn't know 5 _____, but I'd always thought that women lived longer than men. So last weekend I went online, and, according to the government website, 6 _____, women live between five and seven years longer than men. I thought that my husband and I were rather out of shape, so I suggested to him that we should do more to be 7 _____ of our health. So yesterday, instead of just watching TV after dinner, we decided to go for a long walk 8 _____. I feel so much more energetic today!

