UNIT 6 C

VOCABULARY: EXPRESSIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

6.4 Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box. Pay attention to the adjectives in **bold**. Listen and check.

about	of	to	with

1 I'm **addicted** _____ coffee, and I don't think I'll ever be able to give it up.
2 I'm going to work next year instead of starting college, and I'm very **comfortable** _____ my decision.
3 I don't know why people are **suspicious** _____ me. I'm a very nice person!
4 Young people today seem to think they're **entitled** _____ high salaries, even if they have no experience.
5 I'm so **anxious** _____ my exam tomorrow. I really hope I don't fail.
6 We're all very **concerned** _____ the high cost of living here. We might have to move.
7 Most millennials are **obsessed** _____ technology. It's a problem!
8 I'm really **fed up** _____ the term "generation gap." I feel I'm a lot like my parents.
9 Sarah was late for the concert because she was **confused** _____ the time. She thought it started at 8 p.m.
10 I'm **sympathetic** _____ my boyfriend's need for attention, but he's driving me crazy!

2 6.5 Read Marcy's e-mail and her friend Laura's response. Complete them with the prepositions in the box. Listen and check.

about	against	for	in	of	on	to

Hi Laura,
I was accepted into a theater program this summer, but I'm not sure if I should go! The main [1]**advantage** _____ going is that it will be an incredible experience, but the [2]**disadvantage** _____ attending the program is the expense. Maybe there will be the [3]**possibility** _____ getting a scholarship.
I don't want to [4]**insist** _____ any help with the program fees, though. They might not [5]**approve** _____ that.
Anyway, what's your [6]**reaction** _____ all of this? Please answer soon!
Love,
Marcy

Hi Marcy,
Wow! We all want to [7]**congratulate** you _____ your exciting news! I'd really [8]**advise** you _____ saying no. It's a wonderful opportunity! They can't [9]**criticize** you _____ being worried about the cost, or [10]**accuse** you _____ not being interested. I think you should explain everything honestly. I'm sure they **believe** [11]_____ their work and will [12]**care** _____ your situation.
Love,
Laura

2 Read the text about "Generation Y." How does the writer answer questions 1–3: *yes* or *no*?

MILLENNIALS: more to them than meets the eye?

When older people think of millennials, also known as "Generation Y," a few images often come to mind: lazy, living in their parents' basement, and addicted to social media. It's easy to get things wrong about those born from 1980 to 1995. Here are three common stereotypes.

1 Is it true that they need constant encouragement? YES NO

Research shows most millennials feel they are entitled to regular, immediate feedback from their managers, as opposed to formal reviews. This comes as no surprise. As they were growing up, millennials were constantly evaluated in school and taught how to improve their skills – perhaps more than their parents ever were. So, if millennials are constantly seeking regular feedback, _____.

2 Do they care about owning a home? YES NO

Some of my friends in their 20s say, "_____ and all the work that comes with it. I'd rather spend my time – and money – doing something I actually enjoy." Fair enough. I'm not sure that's representative of most millennials, though. According to a recent survey, nearly 70% of those aged 18–34 want to own a home and still haven't bought one simply because they can't afford it.

3 Have they given up on marriage? YES NO

It seems that in some countries, at least, people are waiting longer to get married. At one time, young people in the U.S., for example, used to get married in their early 20s. Last year, the average age was 28. But just because millennials are putting off getting married doesn't mean they have no interest in marriage. Some are waiting to marry until they're more financially secure. Or maybe _____ of being married. That can take a while!

3 A Fill in the blanks in the text with a–d below. There is one extra item. **Write the number in the box.**

a I'd never get used to a big house
b they're still getting used to the idea
c they were not used to long-term relationships
d that's because they're used to it

B Which underlined expressions in exercise 3A mean:

1 be accustomed to?

a **b** **c** **d**

2 become accustomed to?

a **b** **c** **d**