

## Prepositional Phrases

**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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.