

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 _____.