

Prepositions 1

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with a suitable preposition from this list:

about for in of from with on

- 1 Everyone **admires** him his wisdom and common sense.
- 2 I **agree** you that it was an awful programme.
- 3 Dick **apologised** not sending us a thank-you letter.
- 4 I don't **approve** their bad behaviour.
- 5 We all started to **argue** him his political ideas.
- 6 I **believe** government support for the movie industry.
- 7 Everyone can **benefit** a better road system.
- 8 You can't **blame** me your own mistakes.
- 9 Peter's always **boasting** his own achievements.
- 10 Would you like to **borrow** a pen me?
- 11 Max is **capable** doing much better work than this.
- 12 We would like to **congratulate** you getting engaged.
- 13 Water **consists** hydrogen and oxygen.
- 14 There is no simple **cure** hayfever.
- 15 The salesman tried to **convince** me the advantages of buying the car.



Fill the gaps in these sentences with suitable prepositions.

- 1 Eric **quarrelled** with Louise about the **preparations** the party. I couldn't go because I was **suffering** flu. But I **thanked** them inviting me.
- 2 Sarah **reminds** me Julia Roberts, but they aren't **related** each other!
- 3 You can never **rely** Jim to **provide** you useful information. And I'm **tired** waiting him to make up his mind when he has to make a decision.
- 4 The store detective **suspected** the man **stealing** the goods the shop, but the receipt proved that they had been **paid**
- 5 I've got plenty of sandwiches. Would you like to **share** them me?
- 6 On behalf of the students and staff, I'd like to **welcome** you our school.
- 7 You can only **succeed** an exam if you **revise** carefully it.
- 8 Helen **worked** ACME plc, where she was **responsible** dealing with **complaints** customers. But the work was so unrewarding that she has just **resigned** the job.



Prepositions 2

Fill the gaps in these sentences with a suitable preposition.



- 1 Are you **interested** **in** local politics, by any chance? You are? Well, I'd like to **introduce** you George, who is **involved** politics: he's our local councillor. Now that George has been elected we all **hope** better things in the future. Many local people don't have much **confidence** politicians but George will change all that. For example, some people are upset about the **lack** a good library in our town, but George says he's going to **deal** that problem.
- 2 Bill was **engaged** Liz for two years and then got **married** Jane! I'll never **forgive** Bill the way he treated Liz.
- 3 There's no such thing as a perfect book – it all **depends** the individual. If you've bought a book, you can't **exchange** it a different one – but you can if you've **borrowed** it a library.
- 4 She said she could put up the bookshelves by herself, but he **insisted** helping her. In fact, he kept on **interfering** what she was trying to do.

Which of these phrases could you use *instead of* the ones in **green** in the sentences below? There are two phrases which cannot be used:

as well as because of except for in common with in place of owing to

- 1 **Due to** unforeseen circumstances, the film *Nostradamus* will not open until January.
- 2 **Thanks to** the good weather, most of my friends have left the city for the weekend.
- 3 **Apart from** dogs and cats, fish are Britain's favourite pets.
- 4 **Together with** most of my friends, I love spending time in the country.

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with a suitable compound preposition from this list. In some cases there may be more than one possible answer:

according to apart from as well as because of except for instead of
on behalf of owing to

- 1 Our flight was cancelled **because of** the fog.
- 2 Hello, I'm phoning Mr Brown. He asked me to give you a message.
- 3 Tropical forests are being destroyed the demand for hardwood for furniture.
- 4 People should protect the trees cutting them down.
- 5 They have two cats four pet rabbits.
- 6 Last week we had marvellous weather every day Sunday.
- 7 I love dogs those very fierce brown and black ones.
- 8 the weather forecast, it's going to snow.