

1. Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase.

1. Helen got into acting purely by **to no avail/ by accident**.
2. He will have a car **at his disposal/to his mind** for the whole month.
3. It would have helped to know **at the end of the day/in advance** that you were coming.
4. New fashion designs have to be sold off **in vain/at a loss** if sales are poor.
5. There's no point complaining now—we're leaving tomorrow **in any case/ in advance**.

2. Change the phrase *in italics* with the appropriate phrase from Language Focus, pg 57, SB:

1. The students asked the school to help them raise the money, but *without any success*.
2. With no data they could depend on, they were completely *confused*.
3. She tried to explain *using* sign language.
4. *Partly* I think that's right, but there are other factors which affect the situation.
5. "Could I have a glass of water, please?" "*Certainly*— I'll get it for you."
6. Sometimes expensive drugs or other treatments can be economical *in the end*.
7. *Eventually*, the board's not going to be concerned with three or four more dollars.
8. *Up until now* we have spent eight thousand pounds between us.
9. He didn't press charges because he was *guilty*.
10. She got the job *because of* her greater experience.
11. There are no indications that standard security arrangements were *to blame*.
12. All our efforts were *without any success*.