

## Level: TE PRE-INTERMEDIATE 2

### Lesson 3: GRAMMAR AND WRITING- HOMEWORK

#### GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Choose the most suitable prepositions.

1. I got *at / to* the station just in time to see Jack getting *from / off* the train.
2. The cafe is *among / between* the chemist's and the butcher's and *across / opposite* the library.
3. Sue lives *at / in* Wales, which is a country *at / in* the west of Britain.
4. I was brought up *in / on* an island *near / next to* the coast of Scotland.
5. Travelling *by / in* your own car is better than going *by / on* foot.
6. Jack was leaning *by / against* the wall with his hands *in / into* his pockets.
7. Ann had a hat *on / over* her head and a veil *above / over* her face.
8. We arrived *at / in* England *at / in* Gatwick Airport.
9. I left my bags *at / in* the station *at / in* a left luggage locker.
10. Peter came running *into / to* the room and threw his books *at / onto* the floor.

#### MINI-TEST

**Exercise 1:** Read the sentences and choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space.

1. I explained that I .....my keys.  
A. had forgotten      B. have forgotten      C. forgot      D. was forgetting
2. Everybody wanted Doris .....the manager.  
A. be      B. being      C. to be      D. would being
3. The planed arrived ..... after a violent storm.  
A. safely      B. safety      C. safe      D. with safety
4. In ..... years there have been new development in genetics.  
A. near      B. recently      C. recent      D. long
5. Columbus ..... America in 1492.  
A. was discovered      B. discovered      C. had discovered      D. has discovered
6. When his girlfriend came, he ..... his car.  
A. cleaning      B. cleans      C. is cleaning      D. was cleaning
7. She walked down the street, ..... merrily.  
A. singing      B. sing      C. and singing      D. was singing
8. Please ask him to do me a favour when you ..... him tomorrow.  
A. see      B. will see      C. seeing      D. are going to see

9. She is tired now. She..... for a long time.  
 A. has learned      B. has been learning      C. learns      D. learned
10. Her life has changed a lot ..... she became rich.  
 A. for      B. because of      C. owing to      D. since

**Exercise 2: Write one word in each gap to make appropriate prepositional phrases.**

**News travels fast**

These days, there's no excuse for not knowing what's happening in the world. (1) ..... TV and on (2) ..... radio, news programmes keep us up to date with all the important events. We read about problems on the other side of the world (3) ..... the Internet as soon as they happen, and we see live pictures (4) ..... the news 24 hours a day. Even personal news travels fast today. Whether we keep in touch (5) ..... phone or e-mail, we're never more than a few seconds away from friends and family. The days when the only means of communication was (6) ..... letter are gone forever. So, the next time you're (7) ..... the phone, just remember how things have changed.

**Exercise 3: Complete the sentences using the words in the box (to make prepositional phrases or idioms).**

chance	common	foot	fun
heart	instance	purpose	schedule

- Did you break the window on .....or was it an accident?
- The weather was really bad, but our boat still left on .....
- Our car broke down, so we had to go the rest of the way on .....
- I loved the poem so much that I learnt it by .....
- I knew I had a lot in .....with Yiota the first time I met her.
- We use lasers in all kinds of things these days – DVD players, for .....
- I sing for ..... - I don't want to do it as a job.
- I hadn't planned to meet Wendy in London. It happened completely by .....