

First Certificate Language Practice

Adjectives & Verbs + Prepositions

Read the theory and solve the activities.

1 Put one suitable word in each space.

- 1 A lot of people I know really believe ~~in~~ ghosts.
- 2 Martin grew to be very fond his pet snake.
- 3 This bread tastes fish!
- 4 Everyone was shocked Susan's strange appearance.
- 5 The company blamed the drop in sales the economic situation.
- 6 Brenda decided to discuss her problems a psychiatrist.
- 7 When Harry made his speech, everyone laughed him.
- 8 Robert has been married Deborah for over a year.
- 9 You were right after all the result of the election.
- 10 The woman who lived next door confessed the robbery.

2 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

- 1 Two men stole the old lady's handbag.
The old lady was ~~robbed of her handbag~~
- 2 John finds photography interesting.
John is
- 3 Helen has a good knowledge of car engines.
Helen knows a lot
- 4 The food in France is famous.
France is
- 5 I'd like to thank your brother for his help.
I am very grateful
- 6 Can you and Stephen share this book, please?
Can you share this book
- 7 I find studying all night rather difficult.
I'm not used to
- 8 Harry feels frightened when he sees a snake.
Harry is afraid
- 9 I'm sorry about breaking your camera.
Please forgive me
- 10 Peter knows how to draw well.
Peter is good

3 Put one suitable word in each space.

- 1 David was ~~ashamed~~ of what he had done, and he blushed.
- 2 I'm not very on the idea of going climbing.
- 3 Mary is always about all the famous people she has met.
- 4 Jim was often for work, and lost his job as a result.
- 5 There were no empty seats on the train, which was of soldiers.
- 6 Bill decided not to Bob with his secrets.
- 7 The two boys were of stealing a sports car.
- 8 We in persuading Carol to lend us her boat.
- 9 You have worked very hard! I am very with you!
- 10 I can't remember her name, but it with 'J'.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 William could do better work.
capable
William *is capable of* doing better work.
- 2 I own this car.
belongs
This car me.
- 3 The job received over a hundred applications.
applied
Over a hundred people the job.
- 4 Mrs Jones' death was caused by old age.
died
Mrs Jones old age.
- 5 'Well done, Tony, you have passed the exam,' said Joe.
congratulated
Joe the exam.
- 6 Jean borrowed Shirley's camera.
lent
Shirley camera.
- 7 Graham found the film very boring.
by
Graham the film.
- 8 We all pitied Stephen.
sorry
We all Stephen.

5 Put one suitable word in each space.

- 1 My boss shouted at me – he was really *angry* with me!
- 2 I can see your point, but I just don't with you.
- 3 Terry doesn't of his children staying out too late.
- 4 George and I about politics all night!
- 5 Can I have a at the evening paper?
- 6 This story me of a novel by Dickens.
- 7 Peter feels of anyone who talks to his girlfriend.
- 8 I didn't expect you to behave like that! I'm at you!
- 9 Oh dear, I forgot to any sugar to the cake.
- 10 I think you should your boss for a rise.



7 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 Thank you very much. It's very you to help me.
A good with B good of C good for D good about
- 2 The bad weather was the series of power cuts.
A blamed for B blamed on C blamed with D blamed by
- 3 I'm sorry, but I seeing the manager at once!
A arrange for B look for C agree with D insist on
- 4 Why do you spend all your time your sister!
A arguing about B arguing for C arguing with D arguing at
- 5 Helen is very going to work in Germany.
A excited about B excited for C excited with D excited to
- 6 The tourists were not the danger of wild animals.
A known about B aware of C provided with D guessed at
- 7 I understood the problem after it had been me.
A explained to B admitted to C confessed to D replied to
- 8 I wish you wouldn't show off and your success so much!
A full of B bored by C boast about D congratulate on
- 9 If you listen to music, you can't your homework.
A read about B arrange for C specialize in D concentrate on
- 10 Will we be the storm if we shelter under a tree?
A happy about B safe from C depended on D cared for

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