18 The preposition *of*

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a Our standard of living is much better than in the past.
  b Our standard for living is much better than in the past.
2 a Write a letter complaint to the manager.
  b Write a letter of complaint to the manager.

The preposition *of* is used in some common expressions: *cost of living, letter of apology/complaint*, etc., *period of time, quality of life, standard of living*:
My father is always complaining about the high ***cost of living*** *nowadays.*

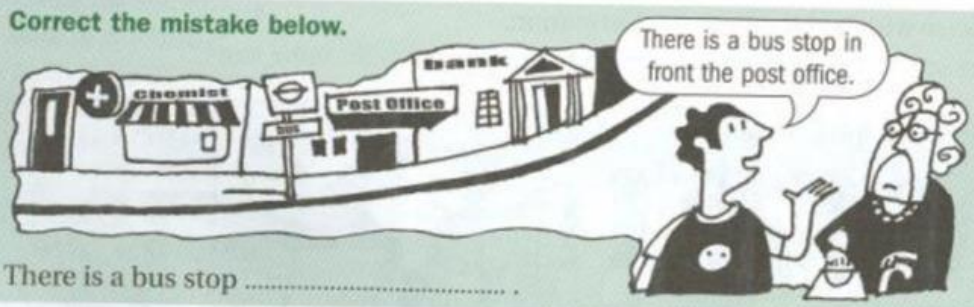
Of is also used after some nouns: *government, group, importance, lack, leader, type*:
People often underestimate the ***importance of*** *friends and family.*

Of is used to talk about quantities with some words: *amount, number, a lot, lots, plen*
The government is hoping to persuade a large ***number of*** *people to walk to work.*

Of is used in some prepositions: *in front of, instead of*:
I decided to take the bus ***instead of*** *the train.*

Also after *because* and *as a result* when they are followed by a noun or gerund:
My cousin couldn't swim with us ***because of*** *his bad leg.* (not ~~*because his bad leg*~~)
Our football team was demoted ***as a result of the weather being bad.*** (not ~~*as a result the weather was bad*~~)

2 Correct the mistake below.



There is a bus stop ..... .

3 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. There may be more than one mistake in some sentences.

1 It is difficult for very old people to have a good quality for life.
2 The lakes remained empty for a long period time during the drought.
3 I missed out on a good job promotion as a result my illness.
4 The government for my country tries to consult everyone about important issues.
5 I wrote a letter complaint to the airline because they lost my luggage.
6 There are a large number different types cars on our roads nowadays.
7 The leader for the opposition was very angry with the result at the election.
8 We ate at home instead to go to a restaurant because we couldn't decide what type food we wanted.

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