

prep phrases practice #1



- 1) I know it's cold but _____ **least** it's not raining.
- 2) _____ **the end**, what matters most is love.
- 3) I'm not _____ **touch with** her. We lost contact years ago.
- 4) _____ **now on**, I'm going to work harder, I promise.
- 5) I don't like walking home at night _____ **myself**.
- 6) We're friends on facebook but I've never spoken to her _____ **person**.
- 7) We should book a table _____ **advance**, just in case it's busy.
- 8) English teachers are _____ **demand** in my country.
- 9) Please fill out the form _____ **pencil**.
- 10) _____ **behalf of** everyone here, thank you for your support.
- 11) She was _____ **the point of** leaving when she changed her mind.
- 12) You're not going to the party, that's completely _____ **of the question**.
- 13) No, I haven't read the news in ages. I'm totally _____ **of touch**.
- 14) _____ **all likelihood**, I'm going to be fat and bald when I'm old.
- 15) I sent him a selfie _____ **mistake**. I was so embarrassed.
- 16) At school, I had to learn the irregular verbs _____ **heart**.
- 17) Spring is _____ **far** the best time to visit Abu Dhabi.
- 18) I'm happy here _____ **the time being** but that could easily change.
- 19) Did you do it _____ **purpose** or was it unintentional?
- 20) I was _____ **the impression** he liked his job so I'm surprised he quit.
- 21) _____ **at glance**, your CV looks good but I'll have to read it in detail later.
- 22) Are you _____ **favour of** or against abortion rights?
- 23) He looks quite young but _____ **fact** he's in his fifties.
- 24) I'm tired of cooking. Let's eat out _____ **a change**.
- 25) _____ **some respects**, I understand his point of view.
- 26) The party got _____ **of hand** and the police were called.

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- 27) Are you leaving Ireland _____ **good** or will you return?
- 28) _____ **last**, the bus is here. We've been waiting over an hour.
- 29) I'm _____ **of breath**. We're running too fast, let's slow down.
- 30) Brexit was _____ **doubt** the silliest decision in recent times.
- 31) We got there just _____ **time** to buy a ticket and catch last train.
- 32) The journalist's criticism of the government was _____ **point**.
- 33) Please try to be here _____ **time** as I'm not going to wait.
- 34) You can cancel _____ **short notice** but you won't get your money back.
- 35) I don't know him but _____ **all accounts**, he's a very generous person.
- 36) "The wall must be built _____ **all costs**." said Trump.
- 37) _____ **comparison with** Russia, Ireland is a tiny country.
- 38) _____ **and large**, I enjoyed my time at school.
- 39) The teacher explained it to us _____ **great detail**.
- 40) Skinny jeans are no longer _____ **fashion**.
- 41) _____ **times** even the best footballers play poorly.
- 42) I am writing _____ **response to** your letter of August 27.
- 43) You must, _____ **fail**, submit the report by Friday.
- 44) I do some work on this side, for which I get paid _____ **the table**.
- 45) Messi is, _____ **exception**, the best player of all time.
- 46) The bus will be here soon. _____ **the meantime**, let's grab a coffee.
- 47) Do you _____ **any chance** have a lighter?
- 48) I'm not mad about tennis but I do play _____ **time to time**.
- 49) Well, _____ **any rate**, the match will go ahead despite the rain.
- 50) Don't just join a gym _____ **the sake of it**. Do it because you want to.
- 51) It's _____ **no means** certain that the strike will take place.
- 52) It probably won't work. _____ **any case**, I'm going to try my best.

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