

Prepositional Phrases

A Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions on, at, by or to.

- 1 The author is a doctor _____ profession but she prefers to work on her novels.
- 2 I always shop _____ impulse. I never make plans.
- 3 _____ this day, nobody knows what became of the missing aristocrat.
- 4 Cancelling the meeting _____ such short notice was an inconvenience for everyone.
- 5 Some of the artist's best works are _____ display at the gallery.
- 6 These elaborate rugs were all woven _____ hand.
- 7 My favourite football team is _____ the top of the league.
- 8 The school principal is _____ good terms with all the teaching staff.

B Complete the blanks with the prepositions in and out of. In some cases both prepositions can be used.

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| _____ fashion | _____ print | _____ work |
| _____ business | _____ touch | _____ date |
| _____ danger | _____ reach | _____ action |
| _____ control | _____ stock | _____ debt |
| _____ breath | _____ sight | _____ season |
| _____ pain | _____ comfort | _____ order |
| _____ difficulty | _____ the ordinary | _____ practice |
| _____ place | _____ use | _____ the question |

C Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases in the box below.

out of season out of reach out of control out of place
in shape out of the question out of date in touch

- 1 The wild animal was _____ and nearly broke down the cage door.
- 2 We looked _____ wearing jeans in such an expensive restaurant.
- 3 It's difficult to find good oranges in summer, as they're _____.
- 4 The two friends kept _____ during the summer break.
- 5 I stay _____ by following a strict exercise programme.
- 6 My parents told me that taking the car on Saturday night was _____.
- 7 The books on the top shelf were _____ for most people of average height.
- 8 The _____ machinery was the main cause of the company's financial collapse.