

Prepositions – Advanced

1. Select the most appropriate preposition for each of the blank spaces.

Choose from: *as, in, of, to, around.*

Bigfoot, also known _____ Sasquatch, is an alleged ape-like animal said to inhabit the remote forested areas _____ North America, with many of the sightings occurring _____ the Pacific northwest of the United States and British Columbia, Canada. Bigfoot is sometimes described _____ a large, bipedal hairy hominoid creature, and many believe that this animal, or its close relatives, may be found _____ the world under different regional names, such _____ the Yeti _____ Tibet and Nepal. Bigfoot is also one of the more famous examples of cryptozoology, a subject that has been dismissed _____ “pseudoscience” by mainstream researchers. It is because of that, in addition _____ unreliable eyewitness accounts and a lack _____ physical evidence that very few scientists accept the probability _____ Bigfoot's existence. Most who have expressed an opinion consider the stories _____ Bigfoot to be a combination _____ unsubstantiated folklore and hoaxes. (www.englishpage.com/prepositions/mixed_prepositions_3.htm)

2. Select the most appropriate preposition for each of the blank spaces.

Choose from: *by, for, in, of, to, with.*

The first reference _____ Great Britain in European annals was the statement in the fifth century B. C. of the Greek historian Herodotus, that Phoenician sailors went to the British Isles _____ tin. He called them the "Tin Islands." The people _____ who these sailors traded must have been Celts, because they were the first inhabitants _____ Britain who worked _____ metal instead _____ stone. The Druids were priests of the Celts before the time of Christ. There is a tradition _____ Ireland that they first arrived there _____ the year 270 B. C., seven hundred years before St. Patrick. Their account was written _____ Julius Cesar, half a century before Christ, and speaks mainly of the Celts of Gaul, dividing them _____ two ruling classes who kept the people almost in a state _____ slavery; the knights, who waged war, and the Druids who had charge _____ worship and sacrifices, and were, _____ addition, physicians, historians, teachers, scientists, and judges. (www.englishpage.com/prepositions/mixed_prepositions_14.htm)

3. Select the most appropriate preposition for each of the blank spaces.

Choose from: *by, in, of, over, from, during, against, with.*

An immune system is a collection of mechanisms within an organism that protects _____ infection _____ identifying and killing pathogens. It detects pathogens, ranging _____ viruses _____ parasitic worms, and distinguishes them _____ the organism's normal cells and tissues. Detection is complicated as pathogens adapt and evolve new ways to successfully infect the host organism. To meet this challenge, several mechanisms have evolved that recognize and neutralize pathogens. Even simple unicellular organisms such as bacteria possess enzyme systems that protect _____ viral infections. Other basic immune mechanisms evolved _____ ancient eukaryotes and remain _____ their modern descendants, such as plants, fish, reptiles, and insects. These mechanisms include antimicrobial peptides called 'defensins', pattern recognition receptors, and the complement system. More sophisticated mechanisms, however, developed relatively recently, with the evolution of vertebrates. The immune systems of vertebrates such as humans consist _____ many types of proteins, cells, organs, and tissues, which interact _____ an elaborate and dynamic network. As part of this more complex immune response, the vertebrate system adapts _____ time to recognize particular pathogens more efficiently. The adaptation process creates immunological memories and allows even more effective protection _____ future encounters _____ these pathogens. This process of acquired immunity is the basis of vaccination. (www.englishpage.com/prepositions/mixed_prepositions_20.htm)

Answers

Exercise 1	Exercise 2	Exercise 3
as	to	against
of/in/around	for	by
in/around	with	from
as	of	to
around	with	from
as	of	against
in	in	in
as	in	in
to	by	of
of	in	in
of	of	over
of	of	in/during
of	in	with