

## English Grammar – Prepositions

### Exercise 1. (in, on, of, for, to, at, with, by)

1. I am allergic \_\_\_ cats.
2. I am looking \_\_\_ someone who is good \_\_\_ English.
3. He is responsible \_\_\_ our office in China.
4. I am related \_\_\_ your neighbor.
5. I have a good view \_\_\_ the beach from my hotel room.
6. The company president didn't want to comment \_\_\_ the scandal.
7. You are so moody - you remind me \_\_\_ my sister.
8. After graduation, Joan will apply \_\_\_ some local companies \_\_\_ a job as a graphic designer.
9. After the accident, there was a lot of damage \_\_\_ his car.
10. a. These boots were \_\_\_ sale last week. (available to buy)  
b. These boots were \_\_\_ sale last week. (a good price)
11. The arms dealer supplied weapons \_\_\_ the rebels.
12. I have \_\_\_ deal with many problems every day.
13. A: Do you know Bob Seger? B: No, I've never heard \_\_\_ him.
14. I was surprised \_\_\_ the size of her nose.
15. Grace is \_\_\_ her forties.
16. My son spends all his pocket money \_\_\_ video games.
17. Greg is involved \_\_\_ organized crime. (two possibilities)
18. John is married \_\_\_ Jane.
19. My son asked me \_\_\_ a new bicycle.
20. I watched the video \_\_\_ my cell phone.

### Exercise 2. (in, on, of, for, from, to, with, as, by)

1. Hosni Mubarak was \_\_\_ power in Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ 30 years.
2. Alan is a fan \_\_\_ Manchester United.
3. NATO stands \_\_\_ "North Atlantic Treaty Organization".
4. Roger's company specializes \_\_\_ the management of young musicians.
5. Peter is \_\_\_ vacation until next month.
6. Argentina is not \_\_\_ big \_\_\_ Brazil.
7. Ken must finish the project \_\_\_ 5pm today.
8. The movie was inspired \_\_\_ a book written 50 years ago.
9. The little boy hit his friend \_\_\_ a stick.
10. I couldn't focus \_\_\_ my work because \_\_\_ the loud music.
11. This commercial was designed to appeal \_\_\_ young women.
12. I don't know his reason \_\_\_ ending the relationship.
13. Carol graduated \_\_\_ Harvard with a degree \_\_\_ political science.
14. I am very proud \_\_\_ my son's accomplishments.
15. Laura can't concentrate \_\_\_ her job because she is too stressed.
16. My uncle suffers \_\_\_ backache.
17. Your income will depend \_\_\_ your performance.

**Exercise 3.** (in, on, at, of, to, by, for, from, with)

1. I get up \_\_\_\_ seven \_\_\_\_ the morning \_\_\_\_ weekdays. I always go to work \_\_\_\_ train.
2. I take care \_\_\_\_ my son. My son is similar \_\_\_\_ me. He's very different \_\_\_\_ my wife.
3. China has agreed \_\_\_\_ participate \_\_\_\_ the global economic forum.
4. My husband spent the kids money \_\_\_\_ cigarettes.
5. There has been a small increase \_\_\_\_ gasoline prices.
6. In the beginning, Lillian was not accustomed \_\_\_\_ working in a big company.
7. My favorite Chinese philosopher is Zhuang Zhou. Most westerners have never heard \_\_\_\_ him.
8. John's wife accused him \_\_\_\_ cheating. She thinks that he is bored \_\_\_\_ her.
9. My boss told me to finish the report \_\_\_\_ 5pm. After that, he said that I can go \_\_\_\_ vacation.
10. Kate apologized \_\_\_\_ the teacher \_\_\_\_ her son's bad behavior.
11. Everyone \_\_\_\_ the HR department was surprised \_\_\_\_ the news.
12. Paul is very good \_\_\_\_ telling jokes. He reminds me \_\_\_\_ his father.
13. I'm lost. I'm not familiar \_\_\_\_ this neighborhood.
14. I enjoy being part \_\_\_\_ this team.

**Exercise 4.** (under, into, until, about, between)

1. The dog ran \_\_\_\_ the shop before I could stop it.
2. I was able to return the product because it was still \_\_\_\_ guarantee.
3. I plan to work \_\_\_\_ I am 65 years old.
4. Lizzie doesn't care \_\_\_\_ politics.
5. Please insert this image \_\_\_\_ the document, on page 10.
6. The police are keeping Tom \_\_\_\_ surveillance for two weeks.
7. I work \_\_\_\_ 8pm every day.
8. If I had to choose \_\_\_\_ going to heaven or hell, I'd choose heaven.
9. Tell me \_\_\_\_ baseball. I don't understand the game.
10. The cake was divided \_\_\_\_ four pieces.
11. A: Where's the TV control?  
B: It's on the floor, \_\_\_\_ the pouffe and the chair.
12. Don't worry – everything is \_\_\_\_ control.
13. The kids were separated \_\_\_\_ boys and girls.
14. I don't know what you are talking \_\_\_\_.
15. He split his company \_\_\_\_ three business areas.

**Exercise 5.** (at, in, on, of, for, from, by, down, against, about)

1. There's always a risk \_\_\_\_ an earthquake \_\_\_\_ Japan. It's difficult to concentrate \_\_\_\_ your work, when you know that there could be a disaster \_\_\_\_ any time.
2. Carol's father is very strict. He prohibits her \_\_\_\_ having a boyfriend until she graduates \_\_\_\_ high school. She spends most \_\_\_\_ her time \_\_\_\_ the library, surrounded \_\_\_\_ books. Once, her father accused her \_\_\_\_ taking drugs because she didn't come home \_\_\_\_ time. He checked her schoolbag \_\_\_\_ drugs. Instead \_\_\_\_ drugs, he found her diary and read it. This made Carol very angry.
3. Tina studied \_\_\_\_ London University \_\_\_\_ one year, but she graduated \_\_\_\_ Harvard. She is very snobby. She looks \_\_\_\_ on people who haven't graduated \_\_\_\_ college.

4. I need to take care \_\_\_ my little brother. When he is \_\_\_ school, other kids discriminate \_\_\_ him because \_\_\_ his red hair. Yesterday, a bully punched him. However, my brother didn't want to tell me \_\_\_ the bully.
5. The doctor elaborated \_\_\_ the patient's condition. It turns out that his rash was actually caused \_\_\_ some food that he ate while he was \_\_\_ Malaysia.

**Exercise 6.** (to, for, from, of, at, in, on, against)

1. I graduated \_\_\_ university a month ago. I studied \_\_\_ Oxford. Last week, I had an interview \_\_\_ a programming position \_\_\_ Google. They noticed that, \_\_\_ my CV, I had very little experience, however, they promised not to hold that \_\_\_ me. The interview went well, but I'm not sure if I'll be hired. I was tired, so I had a hard time paying attention \_\_\_ the interviewer. Also, I'm a woman, and there are few women in my field. I fear that they might discriminate \_\_\_ women. I really hope that being a woman won't prevent me \_\_\_ having a successful career \_\_\_ the company.
2. Greg went \_\_\_ a trip yesterday \_\_\_ Vienna. He has a Pontiac Trans-Am, which is similar \_\_\_ the car that David Hasselhoff drove in the TV show "Knight Rider". On the way, he was driving his car \_\_\_ 110 km per hour. There was a sharp turn, and his car skidded \_\_\_ the icy road. A large tree was right \_\_\_ front \_\_\_ him. He nearly hit it, but at the last second, he regained control and pulled his car back \_\_\_ the road. Later he realized that his tires were \_\_\_ bad condition. He realized that he needed to invest \_\_\_ some new ones. So he went \_\_\_ a car shop that specializes \_\_\_ high performance tires.