

PREPOSITIONS IN ENGLISH

PREPOSITIONS

EXERCISE 1.

Please fill in the gaps with the correct preposition:

BY

ON

FOR

e.g. I went to Greece by sailing-boat. It was amazing!

1. Oh no, I've forgotten my credit card. I will have to pay _____
cash.

2. I saw a really good programme _____ television last night.
3. I always have tea and toast _____ breakfast.
4. What a beautiful day! Let's go _____ a walk.
5. Peter hates speaking _____ the telephone.
6. This week I must go to Frankfurt _____ business.
7. "Hamlet" was written _____ Shakespeare.
8. It is Mary's birthday today, why don't we go _____ a drink to celebrate?
9. Last year I went _____ holiday to Greece.
10. I dialed a wrong number _____ accident.

DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS WITH ADJECTIVES

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following sentences by adding the correct preposition.

e.g. I have been made aware _____ the problem.

I have been made aware of the problem.

1. He didn't seem pleased _____ the proposal, did he?
2. I'm so angry _____ what John said.
3. Don't you think that it was nice _____ Paul _____ help us?

4. Sylvia has been noted _____ her natural ability to get on with everyone.
5. I'm terrified _____ the dark.
6. Naomi is furious _____ me.
7. They are very concerned _____ their son's progress at school.
8. I'm hopeless _____ German. I find it so difficult to learn.
9. I'm surprised _____ Helen. She's normally so polite to everyone.
10. They were so shocked _____ the news that they remained speechless.
11. Kevin is so conscious _____ everything he says or does.

12. We're brilliant _____ tennis. We play in all the competitions.
13. Are you interested _____ art? I really enjoy visiting art galleries.
14. It was so rude _____ them not to even phone to say they weren't coming.
15. I thought it was so mean _____ her to say those things about Paul.
16. Were you annoyed _____ what we did?
17. The teacher was pleased _____ our test results.
18. I wanted to have a picnic this weekend but I'm a little worried _____ the weather. I heard it was going to rain.

19. He was delighted _____ the thought of going to Spain for a week.
20. It was silly _____ you to come all this way.

ADJECTIVE + PREPOSITION

EXERCISE 1.

Choose the correct preposition

e.g. I'm sorry but/of/about your accident

1. We weren't impressed by/of/about his speech.
2. Is a male more similar by/to/of a donkey or a horse?
3. He's not very interested by/to/in his work.
4. We're short by/to/of a player. We need 4 people to play
bridge.
5. I feel very sorry with/for/by Milly. She's lost her mother.

6. It's a wonderful place and famous with/for/by its scenery.

7. I'm not particularly fond by/to/of beer.

8. They're responsible from/for/by the mess we're in.

9. They're opposites. They're completely different with/for/by
the mess we're in.

10. She's not really capable of/by/to making decisions
anymore.

DEPENDENT PREPOSITIONS

EXERCISE 1.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.

for / on / of / in / to /

e.g. Contrary to what the Pope preaches, condoms may help avoid the transmission of diseases such as Aids.

1. There is always a limit _____ everything.
2. Queen Elizabeth II didn't have much admiration _____ Lady Diana.

3. Contrary _____ her father's wishes, Jane went to the high school dance.
4. All Opening students study English in the hope _____ improving their language skills.
5. What you're about to see will, I'm sure, _____ make a big impression _____ you.
6. Most Italians take pleasure _____ travelling abroad.
7. Her young daughter cries all night and apparently, there's no reason _____ it.
8. John's very happy with his boss. He's just noticed there's been an increase _____ his wages!
9. The union members are furious about what they consider as an attack _____ their rights.
10. There are two possible solutions _____ that problem.

11. Is there any chance _____ getting two tickets to the U2 concert in July?

12. All the players have confidence _____ their coach.

13. You know, whatever he says, I can't see any reason _____ his behaviour last night.

14. Philip obviously made a good impression _____ the interviewer – he's got the job!

15. Bill, is there any chance _____ borrowing some money until pay day?