

VERBS AND PREPOSITIONS

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences using the following verbs.

Think about take care of raise by long for
look for

1. I'm exhausted, I've lost my dog and I've been
_____ him all day.

1. The police managed to arrest all the criminals
_____ the robbery.

2. Don't worry! I'll _____ your cat while you're on holiday.
3. Their French is very good because they were _____ in France.
4. My father was _____ his grandma.
5. He's still very sensitive about his dog's death, it's better not to _____ it.
6. Canary islands _____ Spain.
7. _____ the song very carefully!
Can you recognise the singer?
8. You're never satisfied, what do you _____ ?

9. They never _____ their problems even if they don't know how to solve them.
10. I can't help _____ about my next holidays.
11. This picture _____ my father's collection.
12. I was not interested in the meeting at all I don't even know what they _____.
13. I've always _____ a job that _____ a lot of travelling.
14. I've been thinking _____ what you said all day.
15. Tarzan _____ an ape.
16. His speech doesn't make any sense, I don't understand what he's _____.

EXERCISE 2.

Transform the following sentences using one of the following.

To concentrate on *To live on* *To care for* *To hear from*

To suffer from *To depend on* *To consist of* *To apply for*

To rely on *To look for*

Example:

In my dreams I imagine I'm a famous actress.

I dream of being a famous actress.

1. Before going to the Seychelles we have to get new passports.

2. It seems that he doesn't love her very much.

3. She has been searching for her glasses all morning. Have you seen them?

4. A good salesman should give all his attention to his customers' requests, rather than trying to convince them to buy a product they don't want.

5. I still live with my parents so they pay the rent and the
grocery bills.

6. When my husband was sick with pneumonia our dog used to
cry during the night. I think dogs are more sensitive than
people.

7. “Has Jonathon called you? I presume you know he’s
married?”

8. I'm frustrated because I haven't got a job and my husband
pays for everything.

9. Believe me! She's the perfect assistant, you can trust her.

10. He loves to go on holiday without his parents, mainly because
nobody tells him what to eat, so he eats only junk food.

EXERCISE 3.

Put in the correct proposition after the verb in the sentence. The prepositions can be used more than once:

in, into, about/around, under, out of, up, over, off, onto, from,
across

1. His erratic lifestyle did not help her to believe ____ him.
2. The few flurries soon turned ____ a snow storm.
3. The children ran ____ the house like demons.
4. The cop ordered the boy to stop playing ____ with his key chain.



5. The plane flew ___ the bridge to the delight of the children watching.
6. The train went ___ but did not come ___ the long tunnel.
7. Political scandals are quickly covered ___ in this country.
8. The boy fell ___ love with his teacher the minute he saw her.
9. While camping, falling ___ logs is a constant hazard.
10. Falling ___ logs is very fun and inexpensive sport.
11. His face screwed ___ in pain.
12. He couldn't clean the dishes, he had to take ___ the plants!
13. That hill is ___ the county line.
14. That student is ___ the age limit!

15. The monster turned ____ an angel at the sight of cerulean blue.
1. The specie eventually evolved ____ a higher form of life that was able to order a meal in a restaurant.
 2. The boy fell ____ hysterical laughter at the sight of the soaking wet door to door salesperson.
 3. The man looked left and the man looked right before crossing the street but he didn't look ____ and was subsequently killed by a 50 pound pigeon who had suffered ____ a heart attack in mid flight and plummeted ____ the man's head.
19. The blackmailer got violent when his victim wouldn't hand ____ the money.

4. The researcher came _____ an obscure but very interesting reference to muck lucks while studying the proto-capitalistic trading customs of a now extinct Finnish Lapp tribe and decided to get _____ touch with his project chief right away.

VERBS AND EXPRESSIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS

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Complete the sentences using the correct preposition.

Eg. I'm really looking forward TO seeing you.

1. How _____ going to the cinema tonight?

2. When I found _____ that you weren't Italian I was amazed. Your Italian is absolutely perfect.

3. Anna and Tom are really in love _____ each other.

How nice!

4. I have been ill for a week and now I have to catch up _____ all the work that has been left behind..
5. During the meeting one of my colleagues came _____ with a really good joke that made everybody laugh.
6. Gianni is 30 and he still lives with his parents. Fortunately he gets _____ very well _____ them.
7. I'm going to see my sister next week. I hope she can put me _____ for a night or two, because I really can't afford a hotel.
8. Have you really given _____ smoking? It's incredible!
You used to smoke 20 cigarettes a day.
9. It's so cold. I could do _____ a nice cup of tea.
10. "What time are we leaving for the mountains tomorrow?"

“I’ll pick you _____ at 8 o’ clock, shall I?”

11. I can’t put _____ with this terrible weather! I hate the North of Italy! I want to go to the sea-side..”

12. “Hello. Can I speak to Dr Thompson, please?”

“Hold _____, please. I’ll pass you _____ to him immediately.”

13. Adam is really good _____ playing the trumpet. He can improvise really well.

14. “Are you doing anything nice at the weekend?”

“I don’t know. It depends _____ the weather.”

15. I’ve been looking _____ a new job for months now and I haven’t found one yet.