



Noun + Preposition Collocations – Practice Exercises

Instructions: Complete the exercises using the correct noun + preposition collocations. Write full answers where necessary.

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct preposition

1. The reason ___ his decision was never explained. (for / to / about)
2. She has a strong interest ___ psychology. (in / on / about)
3. There was a big increase ___ prices last year. (in / of / for)
4. We finally found a solution ___ the problem. (for / to / about)
5. He has great respect ___ his teacher. (for / to / with)
6. The fire caused serious damage ___ the building. (to / for / on)
7. There is growing concern ___ climate change. (about / for / of)
8. The government announced a ban ___ smoking in public places. (on / for / about)
9. She has a close relationship ___ her sister. (with / to / for)
10. The police are continuing their search ___ the missing child. (for / of / about)

Exercise 2 – Complete the sentences with the correct preposition

1. He has no experience ___ this kind of work.
2. There has been a big change ___ his behaviour.
3. I don't want to start a quarrel ___ you.
4. The museum provides information ___ local history.
5. She felt a lot of anxiety ___ her exam results.
6. This medicine is a good cure ___ a cold.
7. We must not lose contact ___ each other.
8. He showed great talent ___ music as a child.
9. There is a clear connection ___ stress and poor sleep.
10. They finally reached an agreement ___ the price.



Exercise 3 – Correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains one wrong preposition. Find it and correct it.

1. The reason of his absence was never explained.
2. She has a strong interest about art history.
3. There was a big increase of unemployment last year.
4. We need to find a solution for this problem.
5. He has a very good relationship to his colleagues.
6. The article had a big influence to public opinion.
7. There is growing concern for climate change.
8. The police wrote a report about the accident. (should be a different preposition)

Exercise 4 – Gap-fill (use the correct noun + preposition collocation)

1. Heavy rain had a terrible _____ traffic. (effect + on)
2. She has always had a deep _____ art. (love + for)
3. There has been a big _____ the price of petrol. (increase + in)
4. He showed no _____ his mistake. (awareness + of)
5. The teacher has great _____ his students. (respect + for)
6. The fire caused serious _____ the old house. (damage + to)
7. There is a strong _____ stress and headaches. (connection + between / with – choose correct)
8. They expressed great _____ the help they received. (gratitude + for)



Answer Key

Exercise 1: 1. for 2. in 3. in 4. to 5. for 6. to 7. about 8. on 9. with 10. for

Exercise 2: 1. in 2. in 3. with 4. on 5. about 6. for 7. with 8. for 9. between/with (prefer: between) 10. about

Exercise 3:

1. reason for (not of)
2. interest in (not about)
3. increase in (not of)
4. solution to (not for)
5. relationship with (not to)
6. influence on (not to)
7. concern about (not for)
8. report on (not about)

Exercise 4:

1. effect on
2. love for
3. increase in
4. awareness of
5. respect for
6. damage to
7. connection between
8. gratitude for