



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