

Dependent Prepositions for B2 First

Practice Worksheet

Name: _____

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Quick reminder: Learn the whole chunk — interested in, good at, succeed in, solution to — rather than the preposition on its own.

Exercise 1 | Choose the correct preposition

Circle the correct answer.

1. I'm very interested (in / on / at) modern architecture.
2. She's good (at / in / with) explaining difficult ideas.
3. We were disappointed (with / for / at) the hotel room.
4. This painting is similar (with / to / from) the one we saw yesterday.
5. He is responsible (for / of / on) organising the conference.
6. Whether we go out depends (of / on / from) the weather.
7. They succeeded (in / at / to) finding a cheaper solution.
8. Several residents complained (about / for / with) the noise.
9. We need a solution (for / to / of) this problem.
10. There has been an increase (in / on / at) online shopping.

Exercise 2 | Complete the gaps

Write one preposition in each gap.

1. Maya is afraid ____ speaking in front of a large audience.
2. Are you familiar ____ the new exam format?
3. The city is famous ____ its historic centre.
4. He apologised ____ arriving so late.
5. She insisted ____ paying for the meal.
6. Who does this jacket belong ____?
7. Try to concentrate ____ the task, not the clock.
8. He recovered ____ the illness more quickly than expected.
9. Many students participate ____ school clubs and activities.
10. Heavy traffic prevented us ____ reaching the station on time.
11. Parents can have a strong influence ____ their children's choices.
12. There is a growing need ____ affordable housing.

Exercise 3 | Correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one incorrect preposition. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. I'm not very keen in horror films.

2. She is capable to doing the job on her own.

3. My answer is quite different than yours.

4. He applied for three universities last month.

5. The reason of the delay was never explained.

6. There was a sharp decrease of the number of visitors.

7. His attitude for learning has changed completely.

8. What is the difference among these two expressions?

Exercise 4 | B2 First transformation practice

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning. Use the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. She managed to solve the problem in the end.

SUCCEEDED

She _____ the problem in the end.

2. The bad weather made it impossible for us to travel.

PREVENTED

The bad weather _____.

3. He said he was sorry for forgetting my birthday.

APOLOGISED

He _____ my birthday.

4. I think this plan is very similar to the previous one.

DIFFERENCE

There is very little _____ this plan and the previous one.

5. The company has become more popular with young people.

INCREASE

There has been an _____ the company among young people.

6. She really wants to take part in the project.

KEEN

She is _____ part in the project.

Exercise 5 | Use the expressions

Complete each prompt with your own idea. Try to use natural B2-level detail.

Something I'm particularly interested in is _____.

One thing I'm not very good at is _____.

A problem in my town that needs a solution to is _____.

Something that has had a positive effect on my life is _____.

One thing my future success may depend on is _____.

A skill I would like to become more familiar with is _____.

Answer Key

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

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Exercise 4 | B2 First transformation practice

1. succeeded in solving
2. prevented us from travelling
3. apologised for forgetting
4. difference between
5. increase in the popularity of
6. keen on taking

Exercise 5 | Use the expressions

Students' own answers. Check that the dependent preposition is correct and that any verb after a preposition is in the -ing form where required.

Useful combinations from the lesson

Adjective + preposition

interested in • good at • afraid of • famous for • responsible for • proud of • satisfied with • worried about • similar to • different from • capable of • familiar with • keen on

Verb + preposition

depend on • succeed in • insist on • apologise for • complain about • apply for • belong to • concentrate on • recover from • suffer from • participate in • prevent from

Noun + preposition

reason for • solution to • advantage of • disadvantage of • increase in • decrease in • effect on • influence on • attitude towards • relationship with • difference between • need for

