

Seminar 13B – Tasks / Worksheet 13

I. Questions

1. Name some simple v. compound prepositions.
2. Give examples of deferred prepositions (i.e. the preposition is not followed by its complement)
3. Is there a difference in pronunciation between the prepositions in the following sentences?
 - a) This present is for you.
 - b) Who is this present for?
4. Explain *the use of different prepositions* in the following sentences:
 - a) We arrived at York at 7.00.
 - b) We lived in York for 5 years.
 - c) She is in Oxford.
 - d) She is at Oxford.
 - e) on the bed v. in the bed
 - f) on the lake v. in the lake
 - g) on the desk v. in the desk
 - h) on the grass v. in the grass
 - i) at school v. in the school
5. Fill in the *prepositions*:
 - a) ____ the morning v. ____ Monday morning
 - b) ____ Christmas v. ____ Christmas Eve
 - c) ____ March v. ____ March 5th
 - d) I work ____ 5 ____ 8. v. I will work ____ 5 today.
6. What's the difference between:
 - a) She shouted at him. v. She shouted to him.
 - b) She threw an apple at him. v. She threw an apple to him.
7. Complete the missing words where necessary:
 1. We played tennis in spite ____ the rain.
 2. Apart ____ baseball, he loves basketball and ice hockey.
 3. With the exception ____ John, everyone passed the exam.
 4. He didn't get the job despite ____ experience.
 5. Everything was quiet, aside ____ the occasional sound of a car ____ the distance.
 6. ____ regard ____ your application, I am afraid we are unable to offer you a job.
 7. Who did you borrow the book ____?

II. Practice

1. Fill in the right preposition:

1. I'm going away _____ the end of the month.
2. It took me a long time to find a job. _____ the end I got a job in a hotel.
3. We want to start the meeting _____ time, so please don't be late.
4. We got to the station just _____ time to catch the train.
5. Write your name _____ the top of the page.
6. There was an accident _____ the crossroads this morning.
7. He has a scar _____ his right cheek.
8. It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud _____ the sky.
9. San Francisco is _____ the west coast of the United States.
10. We normally use the front entrance but there is another entrance _____ the back.
11. Shall we travel _____ your car or mine?
12. I left the umbrella _____ the bus.
13. I wasn't in when you phoned. I was _____ my sister's house.
14. It's always too hot _____ my sister's house.
15. George arrived _____ a taxi.

2. Fill in the preposition where necessary:

1. I'm tired. Let's go _____ home.
2. I've just been _____ the bank, so I have some money on me.
3. I must have lost the key _____ my way _____ home.
4. Welcome _____ the hotel. We hope you enjoy your stay here.
5. Did Carol phone _____ you last night? – Yes, she phoned to invite me _____ her party.
6. Have you talked about the project? – No, not yet, we are going to discuss _____ it later today.
7. We travelled _____ the 6.45 train.
8. The door must have been opened _____ a key.
9. Have you read any books _____ Agatha Christie?
10. I missed the bus, so I had to come home _____ foot.

3. Choose the right preposition:

1. I had to pay for the damage *of* / *to* the other car.
2. Did they tell you the reason *of* / *for* the delay?
3. Are you annoyed *with* / *about* me for being late?
4. It's typical *of* / *for* him to keep everybody waiting.
5. I don't want to be dependent *on* / *of* anybody.
6. The Italian city of Florence is famous *of* / *for* its art treasures.
7. Is he fond *on* / *of* skiing? – No, he is keen *of* / *on* skating.
8. He was ashamed *of* / *for* what he did.
9. Your writing is similar *with* / *to* mine.
10. We saw some people with guns shooting *on* / *at* birds.
11. He is very selfish. He doesn't care *about* / *for* other people.
12. The food was awful but with didn't complain *about* / *of* it.

4. Put in the correct preposition where necessary:

1. Three students were suspected ___ cheating in the examination.
2. Sally often suffers _____ very bad headaches.
3. I didn't have enough money to pay _____ the bill.
4. I complimented her _____ her English. She spoke fluently and made very few mistakes.
5. They wore warm clothes to protect themselves _____ the cold.
6. You can rely ___ Jane. She always keeps her promises.
7. The apartment consists _____ three rooms.
8. I hope you succeed ___ finding the job you want.
9. I prefer tea ___ coffee.
10. I asked her _____ a question, but she didn't hear me.
11. Nobody seems to know the reason _____ this.
12. I must phone _____ the office to tell them I won't be ___ work today.
13. What's funny? What are you laughing _____?
14. The river divided the city _____ two parts.
15. What do you think _____ the new manager? – He's all right, I suppose.

5. Choose the appropriate answer:

1. She lives _____ Perth. She owns a house _____ the Swan River.
A at... on B at In C in at D in.... on
2. He suddenly saw Sue _____ the room. He pushed his way _____ the crowd of people to get to her.
A across through B over.... through C across ... across D over ... along
3. It's Ann's birthday some time _____ the middle of May, I think. – Yes, it's her birthday _____ the 21st.
A at ... on B in on C in ... at D at... in
4. _____ cricket, I enjoy watching football and basketball.
A Apart from B Except C Except for D Besides
5. What do you think _____ my car? I've just bought it. – It's really good. Actually, I'm thinking _____ my motorbike and getting a car, too.
A about ... to sell B about.... about selling C of... to sell D of.... of selling

6. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition:

1. a) Are you going _____ holiday this year?
b) What will you be doing _____ the holidays?
2. a) He is totally dependent ___ his parents.
b) Some of my friends are totally independent _____ their parents.
3. a) I would have forgotten my appointment if Jane hadn't reminded me _____ it.
b) Do you see that man over there? Does he remind you _____ anybody you know?
4. a) Everybody blamed me _____ the accident.
b) Everybody blamed the accident ___ me.

7. *Supply suitable words:*

before or in front of?

1. Make sure you are there _____ 7 o'clock.
2. I'll wait for you _____ the shop.

because or because of?

3. I couldn't get to work _____ I was ill.
4. I couldn't get to work _____ my illness.

by, with, without?

5. Our dog was hit _____ a bus.
6. You can open it _____ pulling this lever.
7. Dentists are paid _____ the hour.
8. It won't open _____ a bottle-opener.

between or among?

9. Divide it equally _____ the two of you.
10. Switzerland lies _____ four other countries.
11. I saw you _____ the crowd.

beside or besides?

12. Who was sitting _____ you?
13. Who's invited _____ us?

on or in?

14. There's a black mark _____ your nose.
15. I've got a speck of dust _____ my eye.
16. Who are the people _____ the picture?
17. There is a fly sitting _____ the picture.