

Practice test Topic 44: The preposition

ACTIVITY 1

Supply the preposition after the adjectives.

1. George is jealous his younger sister.
2. She is well-qualified typing and very efficient her work.
3. We are fortunate having sufficient supplies of fuel the winter.
4. Contrary my expectations, there was no need to be uneasy the results of the match.
5. I am not familiar his novels and not very keen reading them.
6. I know he is slow understanding but you have to be patient him.
7. It is obvious everyone that he is not responsible this mistake.
8. I think he's quite honest his intentions.
9. He is not only indifferent other people; he is often extremely rude them as well.
10. I'm not very fond dancing.
11. Children remain dependent their parents for a long time.
12. I should be grateful any advice you can give.
13. He is not different anyone else.
14. He may be quick understanding, but he's not capable remembering anything.
15. He is intent passing the examination, but I'm doubtful his chances.
16. He says he's sorry what he did, so you need not get angry him.
17. I've never been good arithmetic.
18. That boy is far ahead everyone else in the class.
19. Even though he was often cruel his dog, it remained faithful him.
20. Your conclusions are not consistent the facts.
21. Many frozen foods are deficient vitamins.
22. I'm afraid you are not eligible a pension until you are 65.

ACTIVITY 2

Supply the preposition after the verbs.

1. I drew a lot of money the bank yesterday.
2. I refuse to comment his work.
3. It's no use complaining the cold.
4. The waiter's tip is included the bill.

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5. He congratulated me having got engaged.
6. This warm coat will protect you the cold.
7. Did anything emerge your discussion?
8. I dreamt you last night.
9. You can never rely him to be punctual.
10. Nothing will prevent him succeeding.
11. I suppose I can count you for help this matter.
12. He persisted asking questions.
13. Everyone shared his happiness.
14. My hands smell soap.
15. She prides herself her clean house.
16. We have been corresponding each other for years.
17. How do you account this?
18. Do you object my smoking?
19. He has some important business to attend
20. Poor Mary! She has so much to cope!
21. His debt now amounts 100 pounds.
22. Just guess the price of the carpet.
23. How long have you been working this exercise?
24. How much did they charge you that?
25. He's never done any work. He lives his mother.
26. I shall certainly act your advice.
27. You should not boast your success.
28. He delights annoying me.
29. We must economize fuel.
30. Children should be prohibited smoking.
31. I really prefer just about anything watching television.
32. This year's conference coincided two other major conventions.
33. Is it possible to insure my bike theft?
34. The problem stems the government's lack of action.
35. When I asked Jean, she hinted the chance of a promotion for me.
36. Being rich doesn't count much on a desert island.
37. I can't stand the way she is always boasting her wealthy parents.
38. Could you please refrain smoking in the lecture hall.
39. The crack in the beams resulted the collapse of the ceiling.
40. The spokesperson refused to elaborate the plans any further.

ACTIVITY 3

Complete each sentence with a suitable preposition

1. Helen had great admiration her history teacher.
2. The favourite dropped out of the race the early stages.
3. I was the impression that you liked Indian food.
4. The minister stated that no real alternative the plan existed.
5. Mary suddenly left the room a word.
6. The bridge is repair, so we'll have to go a different way.
7. Breaking his leg put Peter's football career jeopardy.
8. The same rule applies, irrespective how much you have paid.
9. With total disregard her own safety, Ann jumped in to rescue the dog.
10. Have you insured the car fire?

ANSWER KEY

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1. George is jealous **OF** his younger sister.
2. She is well-qualified **FOR** typing and very efficient **AT** her work.
3. We are fortunate **IN** having sufficient supplies of fuel **FOR** the winter.
4. Contrary **TO** my expectations, there was no need to be uneasy **ABOUT** the results of the match.
5. I am not familiar **WITH** his novels and not very keen **ON** reading them.
6. I know he is slow **IN** understanding but you have to be patient **WITH** him.
7. It is obvious **TO** everyone that he is not responsible **FOR** this mistake.
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9. He is not only indifferent **TO/FROM** other people; he is often extremely rude **TO** them as well.
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15. He is intent **ON** passing the examination, but I'm doubtful **ABOUT** his chances.
16. He says he's sorry **FOR** what he did, so you need not get angry **WITH/AT** him.
17. I've never been good **AT** arithmetic.
18. That boy is far ahead **OF** everyone else in the class.
19. Even though he was often cruel **TO** his dog, it remained faithful **TO** him.
20. Your conclusions are not consistent **WITH** the facts.
21. Many frozen foods are deficient **IN** vitamins.
22. I'm afraid you are not eligible **FOR** a pension until you are 65.

ACTIVITY 2

Supply the preposition after the verbs.

1. I drew a lot of money **FROM** the bank yesterday.
2. I refuse to comment **ON** his work.
3. It's no use complaining **ABOUT** the cold.
4. The waiter's tip is included **IN** the bill.
5. He congratulated me **ON** having got engaged.
6. This warm coat will protect you **FROM** the cold.
7. Did anything emerge **FROM** your discussion?
8. I dreamt **ABOUT/OF** you last night.
9. You can never rely **ON** him to be punctual.
10. Nothing will prevent him **FROM** succeeding.

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Comentado [AB1]: When *pride* is used as a verb, the pattern is *pride yourself on sth*. When used as a noun, however, the preposition is *in*: *she takes pride in her clean house*.

Activity 3

1. Helen had great admiration **FOR** her history teacher.
2. The favourite dropped out of the race **AT/IN** the early stages.
3. I was **UNDER** the impression that you liked Indian food.
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Comentado [AB2]: Both *in* and *at* are possible in the plural. In the singular, the only option would be *at* (*at an early stage*).

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5. Mary suddenly left the room **WITHOUT** a word.
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10. Have you insured the car **AGAINST** fire?