

Prepositions after Verbs 1

Put in the correct preposition

1) Stop worrying

your exam - everything will be fine.

2) I've waited

Judy for 30 minutes. I'm going home.

3) Stop talking and concentrate

your work.

4) Don't forget to pay

the newspaper.

5) He explained the computer program

me.

6) I don't know what we'll do at the weekend. It depends

the weather.

7) She will arrive

Beijing at 3pm.

8) I like to listen

the radio when I wake up.

9) He borrowed £20

his brother.

10) Who does this coat belong

?

11) She left without paying

the meal.

12) It was so hot I couldn't concentrate

my book.

13) Mothers always worry

their children.

14) Please explain the meaning of this word

your classmates.

15) I'm fed up of waiting

spring.

16) That car belongs

my father.

17) She listens

opera on the tube.

18) Which university you go to depends

your exam results.

19) A lot of people borrow money

the bank.

20) When she arrived

the pub, it was already closed.

Prepositions after Verbs 2

Put in the correct preposition

1) It's so noisy that I can't concentrate

my homework.

2) Don't worry - I'll pay

the tickets.

3) The car belongs

my father, so I don't think we can use it.

4) I borrowed a pen

my classmate.

5) I've been waiting

the bus for more than twenty minutes!.

6) Julie: "What time shall we eat dinner?" Gill: "It depends

John - we'll eat when he gets home".

7) When we arrived

the cinema, the film had already started.

8) Please explain this problem

us.

9) She was listening

the radio when the doorbell rang.

10) John worries

his exam results all the time.

11) My flatmate listens

a lot of jazz.

12) David paid

the drinks.

13) Who does that house belong

?

14) Don't worry

Gemma, she'll be fine.

15) She borrowed a jumper

Julie.

16) Please be quiet. I need to concentrate

this book.

17) I want to go to the beach tomorrow but it depends

the weather.

18) Who are you waiting

?

19) When will we arrive

Beijing?

20) A policeman explained

the children why they should never run across the road.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences below.

I waited you for more than an hour.

I'm looking forward seeing you.

We arrived the station too late.

We are thinking going on a trip to Venice.

Why are you shouting me?

This book belongs me.

I never complained my salary.

I spent all my money clothes.

He got married his boss.

As soon as we arrived Lisbon, we called our friends.

Exercise 4

1. I need you to explain Peter the updated process.

2. I'm waiting your answer.

3. We're keeping the money until next week.

4. I thought you when I heard that song.

5. They are thinking going to Rome at Easter.

6. Don't worry it. It'll go according to plan.

7. Have you heard your mother recently?

8. Have you heard the news the merger?

9. It's a bad situation, we really should do something it. (to resolve something)

10. We've paid for it, so we should do something it. (to use something)

11. Everybody blamed me the accident.

12. Everybody blamed the accident me.

13. They will provide us all the necessary documents at the service desk.

14. We need to arrange the meeting soon.

15. I don't trust him at all!

5. Complete the text with these prepositions: *about, at, for, in, of, to, with*. You will have to use some prepositions more than once.

If somebody told you they were building a lift to take people into space, you would probably

laugh 1..... the idea. But in fact, if you listen 2..... scientists and engineers talking about the plan, you soon realise they are being completely serious.

The elevator would consist 3..... a carbon fibre ribbon 100,000 km long. One end would be in the ocean at the equator, and the other end would be in space.

At the moment, it takes months or years to prepare 4..... a trip into space by rocket. Space agencies have begun searching 5..... a better option – partly because they worry 6..... the cost of space missions. The idea of a space elevator appeals 7..... governments because it would be far cheaper than sending rockets into space. It would be slower, but that would give passengers more time to adjust 8..... the different conditions as they left the earth.

It may not be easy though: countries might argue 9..... the exact location of the elevator. But if the political leaders can cope 10..... these problems and manage to take part 11..... the project together, it is certainly possible.

Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke wrote a novel 12..... the idea in 1979. He said in a speech that humans would build a space elevator ten years after they stopped laughing at the idea. Well, they've stopped laughing now.

6. Circle the correct prepositions to complete the sentences.

- 1 You should apologise **for** / **to** that comment!
- 2 Cats get frightened if you shout **at** / **to** them.
- 3 I asked **about** / **for** the manager so I could talk to him in person.
- 4 We complained **for** / **about** our hotel room.
- 5 I've never heard **from** / **of** this video game.
- 6 I dreamed **about** / **of** flying again last night.
- 7 After a long discussion, they agreed **to** / **with** our request and gave us our money back.
- 8 If you're unhappy with the service, why don't you write **for** / **to** the manager?

7. Complete the sentences with the prepositions below.

about (x4) for (x2) of (x2) to with

- 1 She doesn't care getting high marks.
- 2 I've never heard that writer. Is she good?
- 3 People often complain their mobile phone companies.
- 4 Please throw that pen me – I need it.
- 5 I apologized shouting at him.
- 6 Jim's boss asked his holiday.
- 7 It's difficult to work full-time and care a family.
- 8 Geoff writes politics on his blog.
- 9 She doesn't agree my opinion of Sally.
- 10 I want you to know that I'm thinking you.