

## PREPOSITIONS PLUS

**A)** Use proper forms of the verbs in brackets. **B)** Use one preposition/particle that fits each gap.  
E.g. Listen, I am looking forward to visiting you in London. He admitted to stealing the money. My parents have never objected to me bringing friends round.

### 1

- We set ..... at 5.00am ..... (arrive) at the airport at 9.00!
- The witness photographed the thieves as they ..... (make) ..... on a motorbike.
- When they arrived at the airport, the plane already ..... (take) .....
- Just 100 years ago no one believed that humans ..... (fly) ..... to space.
- I can't say what exactly ..... (put) me ..... him. Probably, it was his haircut.

### 2

- She is the strongest candidate. I ..... (be) surprised if they ..... (not take) her .....
- Our amateur theatre? We ..... (put) ..... *Romeo and Juliette* this year.
- If I ..... (be) you, I ..... (carry) ..... with this experiment.
- She's so arrogant! She always ..... (look) down ..... people.
- Many immigrants ..... (arrive) in America intent ..... (become) rich but few ..... (do) so.
- I can't answer now. I ..... (sleep) ..... it.

### 3

- After ..... (get) an 'A' in all the three subjects she ..... (carry) ..... with joy.
- If I ..... (be) you, I ..... (not buy) take this pizza.....
- She claims she never ..... (go) so far ..... from her home town.
- Excuse me! Can I ask you a few questions for our survey? – Why not. Fire .....
- The view ..... (take) my breath ..... ! I wished you ..... (see) it too.
- I wouldn't recommend that you ..... (pursue) a career in politics. You'd better keep ..... from it.

### 4

- Let's ..... (throw) away that old sofa. It ..... (take) ..... so much space!
- I normally make the kids ..... (clean) ..... after dinner.
- She ..... (bring) ..... somewhere in the south of Spain.
- I ..... (not put) ..... with all your whims!
- If he ..... (not turn) ..... in the next two hours, I ..... (call) the police.

### 5

- He ..... (take) ..... the business after his father retired.
- When I saw her 2 years after her mother's death, I realised that she ..... (not get) ..... it.
- He made a good impression on Mr N; he ..... (come) ..... as a true enthusiast.
- The dog ..... (run) ..... by a van.
- There's no use ..... (cry) ..... spilt milk.

### 6

- The firefighters managed ..... (put) ..... the fire in an hour.
- I don't mind ..... (take) the dog ..... for a walk in the evening, but never in the morning.
- Could you go to the 24/7 supermarket right now? We ..... (run) ..... of coffee.
- The lights ..... (go) ..... and the performance started.
- I'm afraid if I ..... (speak) ..... in favour of women's rights, nobody ..... (support) me.
- How many experiments ..... (carry) ..... before the medicine ..... (allow) for sale?

### 7

- Can you slow ..... the car? I ..... (try) to make out the name of the street.
- Put ..... the plate! You may break it. – Don't worry! I just ..... (look).
- It's a third time this winter that the kids ..... (come) ..... with a cold!
- He ..... (turn) ..... the visa because he ..... (not apply) for work permit.
- Many historical buildings ..... (pull) ..... (give) way to skyscrapers in the 1950s.

### 8

- Nowadays we ..... (take) most technological advances ..... granted.
- You ..... (read) that stupid article about the main reasons ..... (quit) a job?
- You ever ..... (see) an advertisement ..... fresh vegetables on TV?
- I suggest ..... (cook) Dorset apple pie. My friend ..... (give) me a simple recipe ..... it.

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- a) The music was marvellous! It \_\_\_\_\_ (change) a run-down club ..... a planet of miracle!
- b) Tastes differ. My brother always \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) pop music, but I'm ..... rock ballads.
- c) Burglars \_\_\_\_\_ (try) \_\_\_\_\_ (break) ..... our house twice since we moved 10 years ago.
- d) She said she \_\_\_\_\_ (bump) ..... their instructor all of a sudden in Grudge Street.
- e) The police now \_\_\_\_\_ (look) ..... the case thoroughly.

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- a) When I \_\_\_\_\_ (travel), I normally avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) ..... myself with unknown people.
- b) He \_\_\_\_\_ (undergo) a long treatment before he finally \_\_\_\_\_ (be) out and ..... .
- c) Technology \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) ..... crucial changes to our lives.

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- a) As a child, I used \_\_\_\_\_ (look) up ..... my elder sister.
- b) Most people hate \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) ..... \_\_\_\_\_ (make) serious mistakes.
- c) Now that I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) I can't get used ..... \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up early.
- d) City fathers strongly objected ..... \_\_\_\_\_ (gamble) and the casino \_\_\_\_\_ (close).
- e) I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) hard over the last months. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward ..... (go) on holiday.
- f) It was a mistake. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) any changes ..... my life.

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- a) I'm sorry for \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late! My alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) ..... in the morning.
- b) Unfortunately, many youngsters turn to crime because they feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (show) ..... .
- c) The team might have lost because the centre forward \_\_\_\_\_ (send) ..... in the third half.
- d) He \_\_\_\_\_ (detain) because the policeman \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him for a criminal but then \_\_\_\_\_ (let) ..... .

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- a) No, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not fall) ....., just \_\_\_\_\_ (go) our separate ways.
- b) I was disappointed with failing the interview, but it \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) ..... to be a useful experience.
- c) The rules \_\_\_\_\_ (tighten) after a group of prisoners \_\_\_\_\_ (break) ..... of the prison.
- d) They \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) so quietly that I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (make) ..... a word.

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- a) The hotels \_\_\_\_\_ (overbook). Luckily, my old friend \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris put me ..... .
- b) He always \_\_\_\_\_ (make) ..... lame excuses! I don't believe him any longer.
- c) You \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) too fast! I can't keep ..... with you.
- d) The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) ..... many questions to consider.

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- a) He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill for about 4 months and \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) ..... with his schoolwork.
- b) He \_\_\_\_\_ (force) to run away from his country, \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) ..... his family.
- c) I always \_\_\_\_\_ (dread) (sit) ..... the wheel! I \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) a car!
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ (not worry) about this project; you can catch up later if you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) .....

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- a) I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ (go) abroad now. My pension is too small \_\_\_\_\_ (get) .....
- b) Last night, as he \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) 'Stand ..... me' in that karaoke bar, he \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) the words.
- c) We get on well in our company, the atmosphere is \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) and we call each other ..... name.
- d) At that time she \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London, all ..... herself.

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- a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) on business a lot! I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ (live) out ..... a suitcase any more.
- b) Although my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not approve) ..... my choice, I decided \_\_\_\_\_ (go) my own way.
- c) He \_\_\_\_\_ (accuse) ..... shoplifting but then released and put on probation.
- d) Those yellowish photos reminded me ..... a time \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) in our small village with my parents.

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- a) At first, I disliked the idea but then it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) (grow) ..... me.
- b) She \_\_\_\_\_ (try) ..... a dozen dresses before she decided ..... the first one!
- c) I didn't know why he \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) his back ..... me at that party.
- d) A friend is a person you can always count .....
- e) He suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) ..... the TV but I \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book instead.
- f) Whenever I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) back ..... my childhood, I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) small again.