

Seminar practice - Prepositions (2)

1. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition:

1. My mood depends _____ how much sleep I get.
2. He'll never succeed _____ changing her opinion.
3. Everybody blamed me _____ the accident.
4. You should apologize _____ what you said about her.
5. I felt embarrassed, everybody laughed _____ me.
6. I prefer tea _____ coffee, but I don't like herbal tea.
7. I didn't know you were keen _____ history.
8. The accident looked terrible. A bus collided _____ a lorry.
9. She insisted _____ helping me, although I didn't need it.
10. Sorry, I'm not sure _____ the answer.
11. I do not have many friends I can rely _____.
12. I'll pay _____ the dinner this time. You paid last week.
13. His books have been translated _____ about 20 languages.
14. She crashed his car, so he was quite angry _____ her.
15. I just couldn't concentrate _____ the lecture.

2. Finish the sentences using the correct preposition + your own ideas.

1. I spend a lot of money _____.
2. I never complain _____.
3. I am interested _____.
4. I'm thinking _____.
5. I believe _____.

3. Choose the correct preposition:

1. Prague is famous *with / for* its historical sights.
2. Double-deckers are typical *of / for* London.
3. I am good *in / at* maths but I am hopeless *in / at* languages.
4. Is she married *with / to* an Englishman?
5. I congratulated him *on / for* passing his exams.
6. What do you think *of / about* him? Can I trust him?
7. I prefer travelling by train *to / before* travelling by bus.

8. You are right *for / about* that. I agree with you.
9. Welcome *in / to* Brno. I hope you will have a nice stay.
10. Please don't shout *to/at* me. It isn't my fault.
11. I watched the news *in / on* television.
12. Have you read anything *by / from* Charles Dickens?
13. I apologized *about / for* my mistake.
14. He reminds me *of / about* an old school friend of mine.
15. The square was crowded *with / of* tourists.

4. *Make sentences of your own using:*

1. on time _____
2. in time _____
3. in the end _____
4. at the end _____
5. think of _____
6. think about _____

5. *Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. Some are correct:*

1. We haven't arranged to meet. We met by chance.
2. I'll call to you around 7 o'clock. Will you be home?
3. Have you got the key to this door?
4. I'm sorry about the mess. I'll clear it up.
5. You can join to us, if you like.
6. He explained me it in detail.
7. He often looks of his younger sister.
8. I would like to ask you about advice.
9. She specialises on company law.
10. John invited me on his party, but I couldn't go.
11. She is so different than her brother.
12. We discussed about the project for two hours.

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Answers:

Ex. 1

1. depends on
2. succeed in
3. blame for
4. apologize for
5. laughed at
6. prefer tea to coffee
7. keen on
8. collided with
9. insisted on
10. sure about
11. rely on
12. pay for
13. translated into
14. angry with
15. concentrate on

ex. 2

1. spend money on sth
2. complain about
3. interested in
4. thinking of / about
5. believe in

ex. 3

1. famous for
2. typical of
3. good at , hopeless at
4. married to
5. congratulated him on
6. think of
7. to

8. right about
9. welcome to
10. shout at
11. on television
12. by
13. for
14. reminds me of
15. crowded with

ex. 5

1. correct
2. call you, will you be home or at home (both possible)
3. correct
4. correct
5. join us
6. explain it to me
7. looks after
8. ask for
9. specialises in
10. to his party
11. different from
12. discussed the project