

## VIII PREPOSITIONS, ADVERB PARTICLES AND PHRASAL VERBS

### *Supply at, on or in.*

- 1 I'll meet you **at** 10.30 **on** Monday, June 14.
- 2 We're taking our holiday **in** July.
- 3 I always finish work early **on** Fridays.
- 4 Who knows what the world will be like **in** the year 2030?
- 5 You don't want anything to go wrong **on** your wedding day.
- 6 **In** the 19th century many children died before they were a year old.
- 7 We got up **at** dawn and reached the summit **at** noon.
- 8 **At** the age of 14 I realised I would never become a doctor.
- 9 The birds don't find much to eat in our garden **in** winter.
- 10 What will you be doing **in** the holidays?
- 11 What will you be doing **on** New Year's Day?
- 12 The year was 1986. **At** that time I was working as a waiter.
- 13 We try to get away **at** Christmas time.
- 14 I'll see you **in** ten days' time.
- 15 They prepared a surprise for me at the office **on** my birthday.

### *Supply suitable words.*

#### *about or on?*

Read this article **on/about** the Antarctic. I've read a lot of books **about** animals.

#### *according to or by?*

**According to** Dr Pim, the sea is rising. **According to** the timetable, the train leaves at 8.27. It's 10.15 **by/according to** my watch.

#### *across or over?*

There's a newsagent's **across/over** the road. No one wants a pipeline **across** Alaska. We skated **over/across** the frozen lake. I'm going to swim **across** the river.

#### *across or through?*

Nothing can flow **through** this pipe. We managed to get **through/across** the jungle. I've never walked **across/through** the park.

#### *away (add far where possible)*

I see storm clouds **(far) away** in the distance. London is 15 miles **away** from here.

#### *because or because of?*

I couldn't get to work **because** I was ill. I couldn't get to work **because of** my illness.

#### *before or in front of?*

Make sure you're there **before** 7. I'll wait for you **in front of** the shop. You come **before/in front of** me in the queue.

#### *after or afterwards?*

Come and see me **after** work. We tidied up. Our guest arrived soon **afterwards**. We had a swim and **afterwards** we sunbathed.

*around or about?*

We stood (a)round/about waiting. I wish you'd stop fooling around/about. Let me show you (a)round the house. He lives somewhere (a)round Manchester.

*at, to or against?*

I'm not very good at figures. Throw it to me so that I can catch it. Jim is always throwing stones at birds. We fought against the enemy. Ron is driving at 100 miles an hour. We have combs at \$2 each.

*behind, at the back (of) or back?*

There's a garden in front and one behind/at the back. Keep this book. I don't want it back. There's a garden at the back of/behind the house. I saw him four years back. They invited us. We must invite them back. We had to go back early after the party. Put it back in its place. I've fallen behind in my work. I tried to lift it out of the hole but it fell back.

*beside or besides?*

Who was sitting beside you? Who's invited besides us? It's a fast car. Besides it's got four-wheel drive.

*between or among?*

Divide it equally between the two of you. Switzerland lies between four other countries. I saw you among the crowd.

*but (for) or except (for)?*

The plane would've landed but for/except for the fog. Everyone sent flowers except (for)/but (for) you. Except for/But for you, everyone sent flowers. Everyone's here except (for)/but (for) John. Who but John would do a thing like that?

*by, near or on?*

I sat by/near the phone all morning. We live near/not far from Manchester. Our house is right on/by the river. On my right I have Frank Milligan.

*by or past?*

The ball went right past/by my head! Several days went past/by before I had news. Stop by here on your next visit. Something flew past/by my ear. It's past your bedtime.

*by, with or without?*

Our dog was hit by a bus. You can open it by pulling this lever. Dentists are paid by the hour. It won't open with/without a bottle-opener.

*down, up, under and over?*

My mother lives down/up the street. The bus got stuck under the bridge. Put this blanket over/under your knees.

*due to or owing to?*

Our success was due to luck. Flights were delayed owing to the strike. He lost his job owing to bad health.

*like or as?*

There's no business **like** show business. **As** a lawyer, I would advise caution. I once worked **as** a bus conductor. This motorway is **like** a car park! People **like** the Joneses always copy us. **As** it was raining, I took a taxi. **As** I explained, it's a public holiday today. He's more **like** his mother than his father. Who's used this knife **as** a screw-driver? You're just **like** your brother. He spends money **like** a millionaire.

*of, out of, from or with after made?*

You rarely find toys made **(out) of** solid wood. Beer is made **from** hops. Bronze is made **from** copper and tin. This sauce is made **with** fresh cream.

*of or off?*

We live south **of** the river. Our house is just **off** the main road.

*on or in?*

There's a black mark **on** your nose. I've got a speck of dust **in** my eye. I've got a deep cut **in** my foot. I've got a light scratch **on** my arm.

*out of or outside?*

We ran **out of** the house, into the street. Mr Ray's not here. He's **out of** his office. Please wait **outside** the headmaster's study. There was a big crowd **outside** the building.

*with or without?*

Enter the room **without** making a noise. **With** all our expenses, we can't save. She was very angry **with** me. I turned blue **with** cold. "Life **without** father" is a famous book. As an orphan, I grew up **without** parents. He stood **with** his hands in his pockets. I was green **with** envy!

*over, above or on top of?*

I can't sleep with a light **above/over** my head. Don't put that cup **on top of** my papers, please. The helicopter was **over/above** the lifeboat. My bedroom is **over/above** the kitchen. We have the sky **above** us. We don't want a boss like that **over** us. Major is **above** the rank of Captain. His work is **above** average. The answer is on the next page. See **over**.

*under, underneath or below?*

There's nothing new **under** the sun. I think she's **under** 17. Put a mat **underneath/under/below** that saucepan. The stone hit me just **below** the knee. What's **below/under** the rank of Captain? She swam just **below/under/underneath** the surface. I have two people **under** me at work.

*with, without, in or of?*

Who's the woman **with** the green umbrella? I can't pay. I'm **without** any money. The camera comes **with** a case included. Who's the woman **in** the green blouse? He spoke **in** a quiet voice. He's a man **with** a red moustache. She's a woman **of** 38. She's a woman **of** intelligence.

**Match these verbs (1-20) with the explanations (a-t).**

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| 1 Eggs don't <i>agree with</i> me.     | f) have a bad effect on |
| 2 Please <i>call for</i> me at 6.      | i) come and collect     |
| 3 I <i>came across</i> this old book.  | c) found                |
| 4 The dog <i>went for</i> the postman. | l) attacked             |
| 5 Let's <i>go after</i> him.           | n) try and catch        |
| 6 Can I <i>count on</i> you for help?  | p) rely on              |

7 I haven't <i>got over</i> my cold yet.	t) recovered from
8 This dress will <i>do for</i> Jane.	s) be all right for
9 Where did you <i>come by</i> this information?	h) obtain
10 You can't <i>dictate to</i> me.	m) give orders to
11 I'll <i>sleep on</i> your suggestion.	a) decide later
12 I can't <i>make</i> anything of this.	q) understand
13 I won't <i>stand for</i> your rudeness.	r) tolerate
14 Is there anyone here to <i>wait on</i> us?	k) serve
15 The cost <i>runs into</i> millions.	d) reaches
16 She <i>took to</i> English quickly.	b) found (it) easy
17 He's been <i>sitting on</i> my application.	g) doing nothing with
18 You <i>take after</i> your father.	j) resemble
19 You can <i>look over</i> the house.	o) inspect
20 You don't have to <i>stand over</i> me, you know.	e) supervise

**Match these verbs (1-15) with the explanations (a-o).**

1 When will they <i>bring your article out</i> ?	e) publish
2 So she's <i>broken off</i> her engagement!	i) ended
3 Don't <i>bring that subject up</i> again please!	l) mention
4 Why don't you <i>call up</i> your mother?	n) phone
5 Shall I <i>do</i> your room <i>out</i> ?	j) clean
6 What excuse did he <i>cook up</i> this time?	f) invent
7 They're sure to <i>find him out</i> .	k) reveal his dishonesty
8 You've <i>given away</i> the secret.	m) revealed
9 I can't <i>make out</i> what he means.	o) understand
10 If you're angry, <i>have it out</i> with her.	b) discuss your grievance
11 I'll <i>pay you back</i> for this!	a) get my revenge
12 Can you <i>put me up</i> for the night?	d) give me accommodation
13 <i>Shut him up</i> !	h) make him stop talking
14 The earthquake <i>wiped the village out</i> .	g) destroyed
15 Why don't you <i>top up</i> the battery?	c) fill

**Match these verbs (1-17) with the explanations (a-q).**

1 b, 2 h, 3 j, 4 e, 5 m, 6 f, 7 q, 8 o, 9 c/d, 10 p, 11 i, 12 n, 13 a, 14 l, 15 k, 16 c/d, 17 g

**Match these verbs (1-20) with the explanations (a-t).**

1 e, 2 l, 3 b, 4 t, 5 i, 6 n, 7 g, 8 k, 9 q, 10 s, 11 p, 12 j, 13 o, 14 a, 15 r, 16 d, 17 f, 18 h, 19 m, 20 c

**Put in about, down, down on, in, in on, up, up on, up to, up with or to.**

It's very difficult for people who sleep silently to put **up with** the sound of snoring. Some people are asleep the moment they lie **down**; others stay **up** half the night waiting for the miracle of sleep to come **about**. Even insomniacs snore. Insomniacs are the ones who need to lie **in** in the morning to catch **up on** lost sleep. Snorers will never admit to snoring. They know the rest of the world looks **down on** them and they just can't face **up to** reality. My friend, Henry, a champion snorer, has just found a cure and he let me **in on** his little secret. He has

just coughed **up** good money for a band with a stud on it. He wears the band round his head at night and if he tries to sleep on his back, the stud gives him a jab. I'm sure this news will cheer **up** all snorers, who now have a new experience to look forward **to**. With one of these on their heads, all they have to lose is their sleep!