

Prepositional phrases I

Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases given.

according to / because of / in common with / instead of / apart from / by means of / in favour of / on behalf of / as for / in case of

1. I'd rather have wine _____ beer.
2. _____ fire, use the emergency exit.
3. _____ my fellow employees, I would like to thank the management for all they have done to improve our situation.
4. We finally solved our problem _____ a new device created by our research and development department.
5. _____ me, I will be happy to dedicate a few extra hours to the cause.
6. You will have to remember that, _____, no one wants to work on this problem.
7. How can they be going out?! Jane has nothing _____ Peter.
8. _____ Ewan, they won't finish the project until the end of next week.
9. I'm all _____ a church wedding if you want one.
10. We will have to postpone our trip _____ the bad weather.



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1. I'd rather have wine **instead of** beer. 2. **In case of** fire, use the emergency exit. 3. **On behalf of** my fellow employees, I would like to thank the management for all they have done to improve our situation. 4. We finally solved our problem **by means of** a new device created by our research and development department. 5. **As for** me, I will be happy to dedicate a few extra hours to the cause. 6. You will have to remember that, **apart from** John, no one wants to work on this problem. 7. How can they be going out?! Jane has nothing **in common with** Peter. 8. **According to** Ewan, they won't finish the project until the end of next week. 9. I'm all **in favour of** a church wedding if you want one. 10. We will have to postpone our trip **because of** the bad weather.

Prepositional phrases 2

Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases given.

**lack of / with regards to / in addition to / in front of / by far
/ regardless of / due to / on purpose / by mistake / without regard for**

11. Because of the _____ interest in our product, we are going to stop production of the 'whamo ring'.
12. _____ the large number of requests we have received, we are going to extend the offer to the end of the month.
13. _____ our friendly staff, you'll find our hotel provides everything you could ever desire.
14. There is a mysterious car _____ the gate.
15. She was a fearless woman who acted _____ her own safety.
16. _____ your proposal Tom, I'm afraid we won't be able to approve your project.
17. Learning English is sometimes difficult. However, you should remember that communication is _____ the most important thing.
18. I'm afraid I've charged you too much _____. Sorry about that!
19. You are going to have to work overtime _____ your responsibilities at home.
20. Please don't be angry with me. I didn't break the toy _____.



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 12. **Due to** the large number of requests we have received, we are going to extend the offer to the end of the month.
 13. **In addition to** our friendly staff, you'll find our hotel provides everything you could ever desire.
 14. There is a mysterious car **in front of** the gate.
 15. She was a fearless woman who acted **without regard for** her own safety.
 16. **With regards to** your proposal Tom, I'm afraid we won't be able to approve your project.
 17. Learning English is sometimes difficult. However, you should remember that communication is **by far** the most important thing.
 18. I'm afraid I've charged you too much **by mistake**. Sorry about that!
 19. You are going to have to work overtime **regardless of** your responsibilities at home.
 20. Please don't be angry with me. I didn't break the toy **on purpose**.

Prepositional phrases 3

Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases given.

under guarantee / under no obligation / by accident / by no means / under age / for the moment / without fail / at once / from my point of view / for now / by heart / at a disadvantage / from now on / under suspicion / at first

21. The local police are talking to Tom. I think he is _____ the crime.
22. I'll make sure your instructions are followed _____.
23. Jack is clearly _____ when it comes to speaking a foreign language.
24. I'm sure he didn't mean to break the window. It must have happened _____.
25. Remember you are _____ to buy the product. Take it home and try it out for a week. If you don't like it, just return it to the store.
26. _____, Winston comes to every lesson right on time.
27. It is _____ an easy test. Be sure to study hard!
28. Bye _____ was a strange thing to write on a suicide note.
29. _____ he considered looking for a new job, but then he decided to try a few more months in his current position.
30. I'm afraid we can't do anything about that _____.
31. I'm afraid you can't enter this bar because you are _____.
32. They learned all their lines for the play _____.
33. _____, Nordic walking is the most fun you can have standing up.
34. Don't worry about the stereo. It's still _____ so we can get it fixed.
35. _____, I want you to focus on improving your grades at school. Otherwise, we'll have to cancel this summer's plans.



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21. The local police are talking to Tom. I think he is **under suspicion** for the crime. 22. I'll make sure your instructions are followed **at once**. 23. Jack is clearly **at a disadvantage** when it comes to speaking a foreign language. 24. I'm sure he didn't mean to break the window. It must have happened **by accident**. 25. Remember you are **under no obligation** to buy the product. Take it home and try it out for a week. If you don't like it, just return it to the store. 26. **Without fail**, Winston comes to every lesson right on time. 27. It is **by no means** an easy test. Be sure to study hard! 28. Bye **for now** was a strange thing to write on a suicide note. 29. **At first** he considered looking for a new job, but then he decided to try a few more months in his current position. 30. I'm afraid we can't do anything about that **for the moment**. 31. I'm afraid you can't enter this bar because you are **under age**. 32. They learned all their lines for the play **by heart**. 33. **From my point of view**, Nordic walking is the most fun you can have standing up. 34. Don't worry about the stereo. It's still **under guarantee** so we can get it fixed. 35. **From now on**, I want you to focus on improving your grades at school. Otherwise, we'll have to cancel this summer's plans.

Prepositional phrases 4

Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases given.

at the latest / at short notice / under control / for ages / at a profit (at a loss) / by far / for better or worse / from bad to worse / in advance / for a change / at most / by the time / at last / for instance

36. There are many things you can do to get in shape. _____, you can go to the local gym.
37. _____ you read this, I will have emptied your bank account and run off with your best friend – in your car.
38. She's very pleased that they were able to sell their house _____.
39. The situation is horrible here. Things are going _____.
40. He's been living in Italy _____.
41. You can trust Tony to have everything _____.
42. Those customers are _____ the most demanding we've ever had.
43. Unfortunately, I might have to leave for Boston _____.
44. _____, you're just going to have to try and get along with your new boss.
45. It'll cost \$500 _____.
46. I think we'll go to the mountains this year _____.
47. Please let me know _____ how many vegetarian meals will be required.
48. They should arrive by six o'clock _____.
49. You've arrived _____!



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Prepositional phrases 5

Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases given.

without success / from personal experience / by chance / by then / from then on / at risk / under the impression / without exception / under discussion / at any rate / for a while / by name / without warning / by the way / at least

50. Life is funny that way. Things are going badly and then, _____, good things start happening.
51. Our teacher knows all the students _____ even though there are more than 40 of us.
52. _____, we can still cycle to work despite the train strike.
53. It seems that our investment is _____, so I'll need to fly to our headquarters to discuss the situation.
54. You should have waited _____ half an hour.
55. Janet assured them that she would have finished the report _____.
56. All I can say is that, _____, a night in a wet sleeping bag is not recommended.
57. I'm afraid I was _____ that you enjoyed having your feet tickled. I must have been mistaken.
58. _____, did you know that Mark and Susan are getting married next week?
59. I met Calista at the market this afternoon _____.
60. He's going to stay in Memphis and look for a job _____.
61. Certainly, expanding into new markets is _____ at the moment.
62. I detest all creepy-crawlies _____.
63. Light-fingered Larry tried to crack the combination to the safe for hours _____.
64. Jack decided that he was going to work harder _____.



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