

## Prepositions

prepositions after certain words

**A** Look at this short extract from a telephone conversation.

A: I'm thinking.

B: What about?

Make ten similar extracts from conversations by joining each sentence in a speech bubble with the correct reply. You must make sure that none of the telephone lines cross!

**Example:**

1 It depends.      3 I'm busy.

2 I'm angry.      4 I'm looking.

5 I'm thinking

6 I'm listening.

7 I'm afraid.

8 I'm worried.

9 I'm waiting.

10 I'm bored.

Questions: What on?, What in?, What about?, What for?, What with?, What to?, What of?

**B** There is a two-letter preposition missing from each sentence. Use each letter from the word square once to complete the sentences. You can read words horizontally → and vertically ↓.

**Example:**

He's interested in modern art.

- I'm really bad \_\_\_\_\_ making decisions.
- They were very kind \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- She had great difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ getting here.
- I'm not very keen \_\_\_\_\_ the idea.
- What did you spend all your money \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- I've no idea what the solution \_\_\_\_\_ the problem might be.
- What are you afraid \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the time of day.
- What do you think \_\_\_\_\_ having a party here?
- Is there any chance \_\_\_\_\_ seeing you again?
- In addition \_\_\_\_\_ that, I don't really understand the problem itself.

O	N	O	F	T	O
I	N	O	O	A	T
O	T	N	F	T	O
N	O	O	F	I	N

**44 Past perfect and past simple 1**

Conversation 1: 1 k 2 b/d 3 i 4 h 5 e  
 Conversation 2: 6 f 7 b/d 8 a 9 l 10 j

**45 Past perfect and past simple 2**

- A  
 1b 2a 3b 4a 5a 6b 7a 8b  
 B  
 1c 2a 3b  
 C  
 1a c 2b,c 3b,c 4a,b 5b,c 6a,b

**46 Prepositions**

- A  
 1 What on? 6 What to?  
 2 What about? 7 What of?  
 3 What with? 8 What about?  
 4 What for? 9 What for?  
 5 What in? 10 What with?

- B  
 1 at 4 on 7 of 10 of  
 2 to 5 on 8 on 11 to  
 3 in 6 to 9 of

O	N	O	F	T	O
I	N	O	F	A	T
O	T	O	F	T	O
N	O	O	F	I	N

**47 Present perfect**

- A  
 1 done 4 made 7 learnt  
 2 given 5 acted 8 won  
 3 written 6 visited

The hidden name is *Dean Watts*.

- B  
 1 They've torn the sofa.  
 2 They've broken the window.  
 3 They've disconnected the phone/telephone.  
 4 They've stolen the picture.

**48 Present perfect and past simple 1**

- A  
 1a 2b 3a 4b 5a 6b

- B  
 1 started 6 is  
 2 was 7 has played  
 3 trained 8 has thrown  
 4 has trained/has 9 is  
 been training 10 have not seen  
 5 has played

**49 Present perfect and past simple 2**

- A  
 1b 2a 3a 4b 5b 6a 7b 8a

B  
 Present perfect: 1, 2, 4 Past simple: 3

- C  
 1 has been 4 has joined/been  
 2 wrote 5 was  
 3 visited 6 was decimalised

**50 Present perfect and past simple 3**

- A  
 1 I've been here for about nine days now.  
 2 I haven't been to London yet.  
 3 I saw a very interesting film.  
 4 It was about life in Scotland.  
 5 I'm waiting for a phone call which hasn't come yet.  
 All other sentences are correct.

- B  
 1 has happened 7 met  
 2 have had 8 fell  
 3 had 9 (have) asked  
 4 have been 10 have been  
 5 have made 11 has given  
 6 haven't spoken

**51 Present perfect and past simple 4**

- A  
 I haven't been to Brighton ...  
 1 today.  
 2 for a while.  
 3 this winter.  
 4 for a week.  
 7 recently.  
 8 since Tuesday.  
 9 up to now.

- I didn't go to Dublin ...  
 1 today.  
 2 for a while.  
 3 this winter.  
 4 for a week.  
 5 yesterday.  
 6 three days ago.  
 7 recently.

- B  
 1b 2a 3b 4b

- C  
 1b 2a 3a 4b 5b 6a 7a 8b

**52 Present perfect and past simple 5**

Conversation 1: 1g 2e 3a 4h/i 5n 6b 7f  
 Conversation 2: 8c 9p 10o 11h/i 12m 13l 14k

**53 Present perfect simple and continuous 1**

- A  
 1 ...'s been fishing.  
 ...'s caught a crab.  
 2 ...'s been cooking.  
 ...'s made a cake.  
 3 ...'s been painting.  
 ...'s re-painted the ceiling.

- B  
 1 ... I've been waiting ... 4 ...'ve been studying  
 2 ... I've finished ... 5 ...'s travelled ...  
 3 ... I've driven ... 6 ...'s been travelling

**54 Present perfect simple and continuous 2**

- A  
 1a 2b 3a 4b 5b 6a 7a 8b 9b 10a 11b 12a

- B  
 1 I've been reading this book all day.  
 2 I've been reading this book, but I haven't finished it yet.