

## Key

### Exercise 1

1. I am against any form of \_\_\_\_\_ **cruelty** to animals and would support a ban of hunting.
2. Maggie is still in hospital, but there has been a big \_\_\_\_\_ **improvement** in her condition in the last couple of days.
3. Maurice took great \_\_\_\_\_ **pride** in his cooking, and was always eager to talk about his recipes.
4. The website is full of useful \_\_\_\_\_ **advice** about/on how to lose weight.
5. In her \_\_\_\_\_ **interview** with The Daily Herald, the Finance Minister denied that she plans to rise taxes.
6. I have the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ **admiration** for people who work full time and also study for the university degree.
7. We had a long \_\_\_\_\_ **discussion** about/on the relative merits of CDs and records.
8. He confessed his \_\_\_\_\_ **shame** at/about not having spent more time with his children when they were young.
9. I had to have a \_\_\_\_\_ **vaccination** against typhoid before entering the country.
10. Benny Carter had a significant \_\_\_\_\_ **influence** on the development of British jazz.
11. She stared in \_\_\_\_\_ **amazement** at the sight that met her eyes - Dave had shaved all his hair off.
12. There is a severe \_\_\_\_\_ **lack** of affordable housing in the city and many people are homeless.

### Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with a noun from I and II. Use either *of + ing* or *to + infinitive*

1. My mother recently overcome her \_\_\_\_\_ **fear of flying** and had a holiday in South Africa.
2. The show has been failing now for two days and shows no \_\_\_\_\_ **sign of stopping**.
3. The government has defended its \_\_\_\_\_ **decision to allow** coal mining in the national park.
4. Your blood pressure is a little high, but there is no \_\_\_\_\_ **reason to worry** about it.
5. She was kept in isolation to reduce the \_\_\_\_\_ **risk of transmitting** the virus to other people in the hospital.
6. The exercise tests children's \_\_\_\_\_ **ability to remember** a random sequence of numbers.
7. The manager was sacked after his team's \_\_\_\_\_ **failure to win** promotion from the second division.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ **cost of buying** new cars in Europe is expected to fall in the next year.
9. I knew that there was little \_\_\_\_\_ **possibility of getting** the job with so many applicants.
10. It is very difficult to work with Chris because of his \_\_\_\_\_ **unwillingness to acknowledge** that he ever makes mistakes.

### Exercise 3

Choose *of + ing* or *to + infinitive*. Sometimes both options are correct

1. Although Debbie said she would think about it, she never had the slightest intention of \_\_\_\_\_ my suggestion.  
a) **of accepting**  
b) to accept
2. It's going to be cloudy tonight so there is only a fifty-fifty chance \_\_\_\_\_ the eclipse of the Moon.  
a) **of seeing**  
b) to see

3. It's pouring with rain. I hope David had the sense \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella with him.  
a) of taking  
**b) to take**
4. The head of the company repeated his intention \_\_\_\_\_ on his 65th birthday.  
a) to retire  
**b) of retiring**
5. When the History Department closed she was given the option \_\_\_\_\_ another job.  
a) of taking  
**b) to take**
6. Martha had a very unusual way \_\_\_\_\_, keeping her feet firmly on the floor and waiving her arms around her head.  
a) of dancing  
b) to dance

**Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions**

1. There are some differences \_\_\_\_\_ British and American English.  
a) in  
**b) between**
- 2 Money isn't the solution \_\_\_\_\_ every problem.  
a) to  
b) for
- 3 There has been an increase \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of traffic using this road.  
a) in  
b) on
- 4 The advantage \_\_\_\_\_ having a car is that you don't have to rely on public transport.  
a) in  
**b) of**
- 5 There are many advantages \_\_\_\_\_ being able to speak a foreign language.  
a) in  
b) of
- 6 Everything can be explained. There's a reason \_\_\_\_\_ everything.  
a) of  
**b) for**
- 7 When Paul left home, his attitude \_\_\_\_\_ his parents seemed to change.  
a) with  
**b) to**
- 8 Ben and I used to be good friends, but I don't have much contact \_\_\_\_\_ him now.  
a) to  
**b) with**
- 9 There has been a sharp rise \_\_\_\_\_ property prices in the past few years.  
a) for  
**b) in**
- 10 What was Sarah's reaction \_\_\_\_\_ the news?  
a) to  
b) on
- 11 If I give you the camera, can you take a picture \_\_\_\_\_ me?  
a) for  
**b) of**

12 The company has rejected the workers' demands \_\_\_\_\_ a rise \_\_\_\_\_ pay.

**a) for; in**

b) about; on

13 What was the answer \_\_\_\_\_ question 3 in the test?

a) for

**b) to**

14 The fact that Jane was offered a job has no connection \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that she is a friend of the managing director.

a) on

**b) to**

### Exercise 5

**Put in, to or at.**

1 They apologised \_\_\_\_\_ me for what happened.

a) in

**b) to**

c) at

2 I glanced \_\_\_\_\_ my watch to see what time it was.

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

3 Please don't shout \_\_\_\_\_ me! Try to calm down.

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

4 I saw Sue as I was cycling along the road. I shouted \_\_\_\_\_ her, but she didn't hear me.

a) in

**b) to**

c) at

5 Don't listen \_\_\_\_\_ what he says. He doesn't know what he's talking about.

a) in

**b) to**

c) at

6 What's so funny? What are you laughing \_\_\_\_\_?

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

7 Could I have a look \_\_\_\_\_ your magazine, please?

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

8 I'm lonely. I need somebody to talk \_\_\_\_\_ .

a) in

**b) to**

c) at

9 She was so angry she threw a book \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

10 The woman sitting opposite me on the train kept staring \_\_\_\_\_ me.

a) in

b) to

**c) at**

11 Can I speak \_\_\_\_\_ you a moment? There's something I want to ask you.

a) in

**b) to**

c) at