

## Key

### Exercise 1

Choose the appropriate answer.

1. When I phoned the hospital to enquire \_\_\_\_\_ Ricky, I was told that he's gone home.

a) after

b) on

**c) about**

2. I only advertised the car for sale on Wednesday, but by the end of the week ten people had phoned to ask \_\_\_\_\_ it.

a) after

b) for

**c) about**

3. We can learn a great deal \_\_\_\_\_ the oceans by studying even a small piece of coral.

a) after

b) of

**c) about**

4. I did not agree \_\_\_\_\_ a word of what she said.

a) to

**b) with**

c) for

5. Professor Owen is giving a talk \_\_\_\_\_ the Romans in Lecture Hall 1.

a) of

b) with

**c) on**

6. I had to care \_\_\_\_\_ my elderly parents when they both became ill.

**a) for**

b) after

c) about

7. For many years we have been arguing \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the way the college is managed.

**a) for**

b) on

c) with

8. She didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ her stepbrother's existence until her mother died.

a) off

**b) about**

c) on

### **Exercise 2**

#### **Fill in the gaps**

1. 'If you want to enquire \_\_\_\_\_ **about** a motor insurance quotation, please press 1.'
2. I hope you're brothers feeling better soon. When you see him, tell him I asked \_\_\_\_\_ **after** him.
3. I first learnt \_\_\_\_\_ **of/ about** his decision to resign when it was announced on the radio last night.
4. We're going to talk \_\_\_\_\_ **with/to** the council about the possibility of planting some new trees in the park.
5. I don't care \_\_\_\_\_ **for** pop music at all. I much prefer classical music.
6. The teacher says we've got to do the test, so there's no point in arguing \_\_\_\_\_ **about** it.
7. The government has agreed \_\_\_\_\_ **on/to** a public inquiry into the helicopter crash.
8. If you know \_\_\_\_\_ **of** any reasons why you should not be given medical insurance, you must declare them here.
9. "John can be really stupid sometimes." You should not talk \_\_\_\_\_ **about** your brother like that."
10. I'm calling to enquire \_\_\_\_\_ **after/about** Mr Dawes, who was operated on last night.
11. She's always arguing \_\_\_\_\_ **with** her parents about what to watch on television.
12. I know it's a lot to ask \_\_\_\_\_ **of** you, but would you look after the children while I'm in Japan on business?
13. The course was brilliant. We learnt \_\_\_\_\_ **about** using the Internet in language learning.
14. Dan said he'll try to fix my car. "What does he know \_\_\_\_\_ **about** cars?"
15. I don't think the government cares enough \_\_\_\_\_ **about** nursery education to fund it properly.
16. After hours of discussion, the committee finally agreed \_\_\_\_\_ **on** the amount of money to donate.

### **Exercise 3**

#### **Choose the appropriate answer**

1. What's happened \_\_\_\_\_ Mike? He should be here.

a) about

b) with

**c) to**

2. 'Do you know a band called Glass Onion?'

'I've never heard \_\_\_\_\_ them.'

a) from

**b) about**

c) of

3. The course consists \_\_\_\_\_ ten two-hour lessons plus a tutorial.

**a) of**

b) for

c) with

4. Do you believe \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts?

a) for

b) about

**c) in**

5. She accused him \_\_\_\_\_ stealing her bag.

a) with

b) about

**c) of**

6. Who does this bag belong \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**a) to**

b) with

c) for

7. I complained \_\_\_\_\_ the noise that the builders were making.

**a) about**

b) for

c) to

8. I agree \_\_\_\_\_ Martha. She's absolutely right.

- a) to
  - b) on
  - c) with**
9. We divided the cake \_\_\_\_\_ five pieces - one piece for each of us.
- a) into**
  - b) between
  - c) among
10. We may go hiking on Sunday. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the weather.
- a) about
  - b) on**
  - c) for
11. 'Why are you laughing \_\_\_\_\_ me? '  
'You've got your shirt on inside out.'
- a) to
  - b) on
  - c) at**
12. She suffers \_\_\_\_\_ headaches.
- a) on
  - b) from**
  - c) about
13. 'What do you know \_\_\_\_\_ electronics?'  
'Not much.'
- a) on
  - b) about**
  - c) of
14. They blamed the pilot \_\_\_\_\_ the crash.
- a) for**
  - b) about
  - c) with

15. I got \_\_\_\_\_ the bus and walked to my office.

- a) out
- b) away
- c) off

#### Exercise 4

##### Gap-fill

1. I seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ **come** out in a rash.
2. This is urgent, so don't \_\_\_\_\_ **put** it off.
3. I feel tired and achy, I must be \_\_\_\_\_ **coming** down with flu.
4. It's too good an offer to \_\_\_\_\_ **turn** down.
5. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ **took** off smoothly.
6. The search party \_\_\_\_\_ **spread** out over the fields.
7. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ **picked up** a hitchhiker on his way to London.
8. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ **pass** this information on to anyone else.
9. Lesley is completely \_\_\_\_\_ **wrapped** up in her studies at the moment.
10. The match \_\_\_\_\_ **kicks** off at 10 pm.

#### Exercise 5

##### Put in the correct preposition

1. Please come \_\_\_\_\_ **at** once. We have a big problem.
2. She worked very hard and \_\_\_\_\_ **at** last she managed to pass the exam.
3. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ **in** time or my grandmother will start to get anxious.
4. It feels like owning a house is \_\_\_\_\_ **out of** the ordinary. I'll never be able to do it.

5. We thought about it a lot and \_\_\_\_\_ **at** last we decided to buy a new flat.
6. We watched a film \_\_\_\_\_ **for** a change. Usually we read.
7. She was really \_\_\_\_\_ **in** danger for a few minutes in the rough sea, but luckily a lifeguard saw her.
8. I went to the bookshop and \_\_\_\_\_ **by** chance I found a really interesting book about Switzerland.
9. He walked into the kitchen and \_\_\_\_\_ **to** his surprise there was food all over the floor.
10. She drinks a litre of water every day \_\_\_\_\_ **without** fail.
11. The little girl broke the toy \_\_\_\_\_ **on** purpose because she was so angry.