

## Key

### Exercise 1

#### Gap-fill

1. She had great difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ **in** not showing her feelings.
2. She looked upon life as an opportunity \_\_\_\_\_ **for** writing novels.
3. "There doesn't seem to be much point \_\_\_\_\_ **in** my coming down if he's not well," said Lou.
4. There isn't much sense \_\_\_\_\_ **in** my going through all the reasons why a young man of twenty-two, without any money, should not marry.
5. Blair raised no objection \_\_\_\_\_ **to** going back to London.
6. She has a wonderful talent \_\_\_\_\_ **for** getting the best out of people.
7. The girl took a biscuit in her tiny hand and made a feeble attempt \_\_\_\_\_ **at** gnawing it.
8. Mel saw their social life a means \_\_\_\_\_ **of** fulfilling his professional ambitions.
9. There could be no doubt \_\_\_\_\_ **in** there being something on between her and Hugh.
10. For one reason or another there was difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ **in** finding an evening when we were both free.
11. She had a pleasant gift \_\_\_\_\_ **for** keeping the conversation general.
12. I'm a great believer \_\_\_\_\_ **in** being prepared.
13. She cherished her delight \_\_\_\_\_ **at** calling a woman of title by her Christian name.
14. I repeat, that was one of my reasons \_\_\_\_\_ **for** giving you this news today.

### Exercise 2

#### Choose the appropriate answer

1. I'm not enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_ fishing, but I'll come anyway.  
a) in  
**b) about**  
c) with  
d) to
2. We were all pleased \_\_\_\_\_ our exam results.  
**a) with**  
b) to  
c) in  
d) of
3. Malta is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its great weather.  
a) about  
**b) for**  
c) to  
d) at
4. Although we look the same, she's not related \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
a) for  
b) by

c) **to**

d) about

5. We've become very attached \_\_\_\_\_ this house. We don't want to move.

a) at

b) in

c) about

d) **to**

6. He looks mean, but he's capable \_\_\_\_\_ great generosity.

a) at

b) for

c) **of**

d) to

7. Can you recommend a book that's suitable \_\_\_\_\_ her.

a) by

b) **for**

c) about

d) in

8. Tom is hopeless \_\_\_\_\_ remembering birthdays.

a) in

b) **at**

c) for

d) to

9. Her dress is very similar \_\_\_\_\_ mine .

a) from

b) **to**

c) about

d) of

10. The streets were crowded \_\_\_\_\_ people.

a) to

b) **with**

c) about

d) at

11. She is a very popular actress especially \_\_\_\_\_ young people.

a) to

b) **with**

c) about

d) at

### Exercise 3

**For each gap, fill in the text with one of the following prepositions: about, around, at, for, in, of, to, with or leave empty if no preposition is required.**

Rome As a rule, Italians are very conscious \_\_\_\_\_ **of** their dress and have a great sense \_\_\_\_\_ **of** style. Casual dress is fine \_\_\_\_\_ **for** most occasions, but a suit and tie are recommended \_\_\_\_\_ **for** business meetings. \_\_\_\_\_ **in** summer, locals will not be seen wearing shorts \_\_\_\_\_ **in** the city. When visiting the Vatican or any

major cathedral, men should wear long pants and women skirts or long pants. Sleeveless shirts and shorts are not permitted \_\_\_\_\_ **in** churches and the Vatican, including **\_NO PREPOSITON\_** the Vatican museums. Tipping is not mandatory. \_\_\_\_\_ **At** times a service charge (servizio) is included \_\_\_\_\_ **in** your restaurant bill. This should not be confused \_\_\_\_\_ **with** the cover charge (coperta), which is a charge \_\_\_\_\_ **for** bread and table settings. If the service charge is included and you are pleased \_\_\_\_\_ **with** the service, it's customary to leave \_\_\_\_\_ **NO PREPOSITON** \_\_\_\_\_ an additional 5%; if the service charge is not included, leave a 10% tip. \_\_\_\_\_ **to** the porter and cleaning lady of the hotel you should give \_\_\_\_\_ **around** 10,000 lire, \_\_\_\_\_ **for** room service \_\_\_\_\_ **around** 5,000 lire. Tipping \_\_\_\_\_ **in** taxis is not obligatory either, but 1,000 to 2,000 lire is usually given \_\_\_\_\_ **to** the driver.

**Put in the correct preposition**

#### **Exercise 4**

**Put in the correct preposition**

1. She paid for lunch \_\_\_\_\_ **in** advance, so we don't need to pay now.
2. I went to the wrong house \_\_\_\_\_ **by** mistake.
3. Please make sure that you're \_\_\_\_\_ **in** time for the class.
4. I was walking to the station and \_\_\_\_\_ **by** chance I saw the glove that I'd lost on the ground.
5. I love eating out in London. \_\_\_\_\_. **For** instance, one of my favourite restaurants has amazing Japanese food.
6. I think the cat is \_\_\_\_\_ **in** danger on that high roof.
7. I picked up the laptop and \_\_\_\_\_ **to** my surprise it fell apart in my hands.
8. I have a lot \_\_\_\_\_ **in** common with my cousin. We both like many of the same things.
9. If the baby starts to cry, pick her up \_\_\_\_\_ **at** once.
10. Did you forget your purse \_\_\_\_\_ **on** purpose so you wouldn't have to pay?
11. It's best to arrive \_\_\_\_\_ **on** foot because there is nowhere to park.
12. What do a whale and a dolphin have \_\_\_\_\_ **in** common?
13. He added salt instead of sugar \_\_\_\_\_ **by** mistake.

14. What's your favourite thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_ **for** instance, do you like sport?
15. The book was \_\_\_\_\_ **out of** reach on a high shelf.
16. I want to go to Germany \_\_\_\_\_ **for** a change. I've never been there.
17. Please let me know \_\_\_\_\_ **in** advance if you can't come to the meeting.
18. She often goes to school \_\_\_\_\_ **on** foot.
19. Do you always brush your teeth before bed \_\_\_\_\_ **without** fail?

### **Exercise 5**

#### **Gap-fill**

1. The police \_\_\_\_\_ **acted on** the information very quickly.
2. I couldn't be at the meeting, so my solicitor \_\_\_\_\_ **acted for** me.
3. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ **thinking** a lot \_\_\_\_\_ **about** your idea and I've decided I'd like to support you.
4. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ **think** of the color in the bedroom?
5. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ **was called after** my grandfather.
6. Campaigners have \_\_\_\_\_ **called for** a referendum on the issue.
7. They say he \_\_\_\_\_ **worked for** the CIA in the 1970s.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ **works** with computer.
9. We're \_\_\_\_\_ **counting on** Mike to supply the food for the party.
10. Playing exciting football \_\_\_\_\_ **counts for** little if the team isn't winning.