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Collocations with Break.

- Break a bone/ your arm
- Break a code
- Break a habit
- Break a law
- Break a leg
- Break a promise
- Break a record
- Break a window
- Break even
- Break free
- Break ground
- Break loose
- Break new ground
- Break news
- Break one's fall
- Break someone's heart
- Break the bank
- Break the ice
- Break the mold
- Break the news to someone
- Break the rules
- Break the silence
- Break the spell
- Break wind

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Цей спортсмен побив рекорд на Олімпійських іграх.
2. Злочинець порушив заком і був засуджений до 10 років ув'язнення.
3. Дівчина зламала ногу і потрапила у лікарню.
4. Викладач першим розповів новину студентам.
5. Вони вирішили порушити тишу і задали питання.
6. Якщо ви плрушите правила, то будете звільнені.
7. Дівчина одружилася

на іншому і розбила юнаку серце. 8. Нелегко буде звільнитися від цих кайданок. 9. Хакер зламав код і ввійшов у систему.

Collocations with Come

- Come clean about
- Come close
- Come complete with
- Come early
- Come first
- Come into view
- Come last
- Come late
- Come on time
- Come prepared
- Come right back
- Come to a compromise
- Come to a conclusion
- Come to a decision
- Come to a realization
- Come to a stand still (idiom)
- Come to a stop
- Come to an agreement
- Come to an end
- Come to life
- Come to sb's rescue
- Come to terms with
- Come under attack
- Come up with

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Мрії здійснюються, якщо працювати наполегливо.

2. Нарешті ми прийшли до висновку, що варто виробляти цей продукт .3. Діти мусять приходити вчасно на заняття.4. Наш урок наближається до кінця, тому прошу записати домашнє завдання. 5. Пожежники прийшли на допомогу і врятували життя усієї родини. 6. Лікарчм вдалося повернути юнака до життя. 7. Менеджер підійшов ближче до працівника і почав пояснювати стратегію. компанії. 8. Працівник звпізнився через затримку транспорту. 9. Вам слід знайти компроміс у цій непростій справі.

Collocations with Do

- Do a course
- Do a deal
- Do a favour
- Do a good/great/terrible job
- Do a report
- Do anything/something/everything
- Do badly
- Do better
- Do business
- Do crosswords
- Do damage
- Do exercise
- Do experiments
- Do good
- Do gymnastics
- Do harm
- Do homework
- Do laundry
- Do nothing
- Do research
- Do someone a favour
- Do something right

- Do something wrong
- Do sums
- Do the cleaning
- Do the cooking
- Do the dishes
- Do the housework
- Do the ironing
- Do the math
- The maximum
- Do the minimum
- Do the paperwork
- Do the right thing
- Do the shopping
- Do the washing up
- Do well
- Do work
- Do your best
- Do your duty
- Do Your hair
- Do your makeup
- Do your nails

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Будь ласка зроби мені послугу і зателефонй йому. 2. Мама поприбирала, помила посуд і попросувала одяг. 3. Я маю зробити багато паперової роботи. 4. Намагайся зробити все можливе щоб здати цей тест. 5. Вона займалася гімнастикою та виконувала фізичні вправи щоб бути у формі. 6. Якщо він нічого не робитиме, то програє. 7. Ніколи не шкодь природі та тваринам, лише роби добро. 8. Діти виконали домашнє завдання і почали робити домушню роботу. 9. Він виконав чудово роботу і отримав підвищення по службі.

Collocations with Get

- Get a call
- Get a chance
- Get a clue
- Get a cold
- Get a degree/ a diploma
- Get a job
- Get a joke
- Get a letter (receive)
- Get a shock
- Get a splitting headache
- Get a tan
- Get a ticket
- Get a/the right
- Get angry
- Get changed (change clothes)
- Get cool
- Get dark
- Get divorced
- Get dressed/ undressed
- Get drunk
- Get enthusiastic
- Get fired
- Get frightened
- Get getting dark
- Get good/top/bad marks
- Get home (arrive)
- Get hot (ter)
- Get hungry
- Get into trouble
- Get lost
- Get married
- Get nowhere

- Get old
- Get one's hair cut
- Get out of breath
- Get permission
- Get pregnant
- Get ready for
- Get sleep
- Get started
- Get stuck in a traffic jam
- Get the impression
- Get the message
- Get the sack
- Get the ticket (buy)
- Get tired
- Get to sleep
- Get together
- Get upset
- Get wet
- Get worried

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Діти загубилися у лісі, тому що не помітили як посутеніло.
2. Я засмутилася, зголодніла і хотіла повернутися додому як найшвидше.
3. Ми отримали повідомлення, що вони одружилися і готуються до переїзду.
4. В полудень потепліло і ми переодягнулися у літній одяг.
5. Студенти університету отримали дипломи і отримали престижні роботи.
6. Я отримала листа від друзів, що вони попали в біду і портебують допомогу.
7. Він бігав цілу годину і задихався.
8. Працівників звільнили , тому що вони нічого не робили.
9. Ми отримали дозіл розробляти нову вакцину.

Collocations with Give

- Give a call (a ring, a buzz)
- Give a chance
- Give a choice
- Give a damn
- Give a hand
- Give a headache
- Give a hug or kiss
- Give a lecture or speech or performance
- Give a ride
- Give advice
- Give an answer
- Give an example
- Give an idea
- Give an opinion
- Give birth
- Give credit
- Give evidence
- Give notice
- Give permission
- Give priority
- Give rise to
- Give sb a call
- Give sb a chance
- Give sb a lift
- Give sth a go
- Give the impression
- Give thought (to)
- Give up
- Give hope
- Give way

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Друзі мені допомогли у важкій ситуації. 2. Цей випадок спричинив хвилю протестів. 3. Основне правило – ніколи не здаватися. 4. Менеджер подав чудову ідею, щоб залучити нових покупців. 5. Працівники справили позитивне враження. 6. Мама дала мені пораду, як поступити у цій ситуації. 7. Керівництво надало приклади порушення дисципліни. 8. Ви повинні дати відповідь не пізніше наступного тижня. 9. Діти дають нам надію. 10. Лише головний менеджер може дати на це дозвіл.

Collocations with Go

- Go abroad
- Go astray
- Go bad
- Go bald
- Go bankrupt
- Go blind
- Go crazy
- Go deaf
- Go finishing
- Go insane (idiom)
- Go mad/angry
- Go missing
- Go on a date
- Go on a picnic
- Go on foot
- Go online
- Go out of business
- Out of fashion
- Go overseas
- Go quiet
- Go sailing

- Go smoothly
- Go to the beach/to the movie
- Go to war

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Все пройшло гладко.
2. Він розлютився коли побачив, що син взяв його машину.
3. Ці джинси вийшли з моди.
4. Вона хвилювалася коли пішла на побачення, але все пройшло гладко.
5. Солдати пішли на війну щоб захищати батьківщину.
6. У старості собака осліп та втратив слух.
7. Після того як компанія збанкрутувала, рада директорів виїхала за кордон.
8. Вона завжди ходила пішки і тому була здорова та у хорошій фізичній формі.

Collocations with Have

- Have a baby
- Have a backache
- Have a bad fall
- Have a bath
- Have a bite
- Have a break
- Have a business trip
- Have a busy day
- Have a career/a goal
- Have a chance
- Have a chat
- Have a cold
- Have a confrontation
- Have a day off
- Have a discussion
- Have a dispute
- Have a doubt
- Have a dream

- Have a drink
- Have a fight
- Have a go
- Have a goal
- Have a good time
- Have a good/nice/etc day!
- Have a great weekend
- Have a haircut
- Have a hard time
- Have a headache
- Have a holiday
- Have a jacuzzi
- Have a look
- Have a massage
- Have a meal-
- Have a meeting
- Have a nap
- Have a night mare
- Have a party/concert
- Have a passion for
- Have a plan
- Have a problem
- Have a quarrel
- Have a relationship
- Have a rest
- Have a ride
- Have a right
- Have a run
- Have a shave
- Have a shower
- Have a smell
- Have a temperature
- Have a try

- Have access (to)
- Have an accident
- Have an appointment with
- Have an argument
- Have an effect (on)
- Have an excuse
- Have an experience
- Have an idea
- Have an opportunity
- Have breakfast/lunch/dinner
- Have difficulty
- Have faith
- Have food
- Have fun/a good time
- Have room
- Have self-esteem
- Have soul
- Have sympathy
- Have the chance (to)
- Have time
- Have trouble

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. У мене є доступ до важливої інформації.
2. Діти мають співчуття до бродячих тварин.
3. У мене виникають труднощі у догляді за собакою.
4. Вона сильно впала і має болі у спині.
5. Компанія має ціль розширити асортимент продукції.
6. Я маю сумніви щодо твоїх дій.
7. Він взяв вихідний і поїхав у подорож.
8. Діти мають вміння розпізнавати правду від брехні.
9. Вони не мають освіти, проте мають роботу та заробляють гроші

Collocations with Keep

- Keep a diary
- Keep a promise
- Keep a secret
- Keep an appointment
- Keep calm
- Keep control
- Keep in touch
- Keep quiet
- Keep records
- Keep score
- Keep someone's place
- Keep the change
- Keep your balance

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Спобуй тримати це в секреті і не зрадити мене .2. Він завжди дотримується обіцянок і я покляюся на нього. 3. Будь тихо, тому що ми не можемо сконцентруватися. 4. Заспокійся і не плач, ми допоможемо тобі. 5. Друзі завжди підтримують зв'язок один з одним чи по телефону, чи зустрічаючись. 6. Дівчата люблять вести щоденник і записувати туди секрети. 7. У заняттях з йоги важливо вміти тримати баланс. 8. Влада намагається тримати контроль над злочинністю.

Collocations with Make

- Make a cake
- Make a call
- Make a choice
- Make a comment
- Make a complaint
- Make a confession/an admission
- Make a decision

- Make a difference
- Make a fire
- Make a fool of yourself
- Make a fortune
- Make a fuss
- Make a habit
- Make a living
- Make a mess
- Make a mistake
- Make a phone call
- Make a prediction
- Make a presentation
- Make a profit
- Make a promise
- Make a remark
- Make a reservation
- Make a snack
- Make a speech
- Make a suggestion
- Make a takeover bid
- Make an agreement
- Make an appointment
- Make an arrangement
- Make an attempt
- Make an effort
- Make an enquiry
- Make an exception
- Make an excuse
- Make an impression
- Make an objection
- Make an offer
- Make arrangements
- Make breakfast/lunch/dinner

- Make coffee
- Make contact
- Make ends meet
- Make friends
- Make fun of someone
- Make money
- Make noise
- Make one's own way back
- Make peace
- Make progress
- Make an effort
- Make room
- Make sense
- Make someone angry/mad/happy/sad
- Make sth easy
- Make sure
- Make the bed
- Make up your mind
- Make war

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Джон запропонував приєднатися до нас. 2. Переконайтеся, що ви прийдете вчасно. 3. Якщо багато і наполегливо працюєш – ти маєш прибуток і можеш заробити на життя. 4. Діти вирішили залишитися з бубусею і дідусем у селі. 5. Голова відділу продажу підписав контракт і зрозумів, що зробив помилку. 6. Ми виробили звичку вставати зранку та йти на прогулянку. 7. Діти зробили безлад у кімнаті та забули прибрати. 8. Менеджер зробив пропозицію підвищити мене. 9. Вони домовилися зустрітися біля входу в кінотеатр. 10. Ти – дуже комунікабельний та легко заводиш друзів, тому нова команда не буде для тебе проблемою.

Collocations with Pay

- Pay a bill
- Pay a fine
- Pay a visit
- Pay attention to
- Pay by credit card
- Pay in cash
- Pay interest
- Pay one's respects
- Pay someone a compliment
- Pay someone a visit

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Ти платиш готівкою чи чеком?
2. Він несподівано відвідав нас.
3. Викладач звернув увагу на вивчення нових слів.
4. Водій перевищив швидкість і заплатив за це штраф.
5. Вони цікавляться археологією та вивченням динозаврів.
6. Чоловік виявив повагу до жінки уступивши їй місце.
7. Він був по вуха закоханий і робив дівчині багато компліментів.

Collocations with Save

- Save electricity
- Save energy
- Save lives
- Save money
- Save one's strength
- Save someone a seat
- Save someone's life
- Save something
- Save space
- Save time
- Save yourself the trouble

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Ми повинні берегти планету та економити воду та електроенергію. 2. Якщо вибудете накопичувати гроші, то зможете купити будинок у майбутньому. 3. Ми можемо зекономити якщо купимо дешевші харчі. 4. Пожежники врятували життя цілої родини. 5. Екологи рятують планету від задруднення. 6. Ми зекономтмо місце, якщо поставимо стіл посередині. 7. Дослідники мусять берегти сили, щоб бути здатним працювати в експедиції.

Collocations with Say

- Say a few words
- Say a word
- Say for certain/sure
- Say good morning/afternoon
- Say goodbye
- Say hello
- Say
- Say nothing
- Say something
- Say sorry
- Say yes/no

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Джулія просила його “Ну скажи хоч слово!”? 2. Вони спочатку щось сказали, а потім пошкодували. 3. Учень вибачився і пообіцяв більше так не поводитися. 4. Будь ласка нічого не кажи і повертайся назад. 5 Скажи хоч слово і підлеглі зроблять це. 6. Ми не знали сказати так і погодитися чи сказати ні і відмовитися. 7. Я можу сказати точно, що вони зпаросять тебе на конференцію.

Collocations with Take

- Take (sb) to court
- Take (sb's) temperature
- Take a bite
- Take a break
- Take a call
- Take a chance
- Take a look
- Take a message
- Take a nap
- Take a number
- Take a photo/ a photograph
- Take a picture
- Take a rest
- Take a risk
- Take a seat
- Take a shower (have)
- Take a taxi/bus/train/plane
- Take action
- Take advantage (of)
- Take advice
- Take an exam/ a test/ a course
- Take an opportunity
- Take care of
- Take drugs
- Take exercise
- Take hostage
- Take medicine
- Take notes
- Take part
- Take place
- Take pride in
- Take someone's temperature

- Take time
- Take time of (away from work for holidays or to do sth)
- Take turns
- Take up space
- Take your time

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Пацієнти повинні приймати ліки, які виписав лікар.
 2. Зустріч відбулася у лекційній залі без запізньєнь.
 3. Відомі актори взяли участь у зйомкаї даного фільму.
 4. Діти прибирали свою кімнату по черзі.
 5. Фотограф зробив фото, на якому можна побачити багато різновидів тварин.
 6. Мати попросила дітей попiклуватися про себе.
 7. Працівник запізнювався на роботу, тому і взяв таксі.
 8. Ця робота займає багато часу та зусиль.
 9. Ми мали можливість зустріти цього відомого політика на зустрічі.

Collocations with Tell

- Tell a joke
- Tell a lie
- Tell a secret
- Tell a story
- Tell sb the time
- Tell the difference
- Tell the future
- Tell the truth
- Tell your name

Translate the sentences using collocations:

1. Циганка обіцяла дівчині передбачити майбутнє за невелику суму грошей.
 2. Дідусь любив розповідати історіє про свою молодість.
 3. Перехожий запитав мене котра година.
 4. Я йому не вірю тому що він завжди обманює.
 5. Чи можете ви

відрізнити вовка від собаки? 6. Просимо кожного учасника назвати прізвисько та адресу. 7. Цей хлопець дуже комунікабельний і завжди розповідає жарти.

Put a correct phrasal verb into the spaces.

- He asked her to dinner.
- You get in the rain.
- I get of educating people.
- It's important to get so don't stay up too long.
- He always give a to anyone in difficulty.X
- I've got to get into town. Can you give me?
- He gave an for new project so he got a promotion.
- It's easy to make a.....
- We can't undertake that you will make a
- My mom always makes me ato school
- We need to make an to do well in this competition.
- The old man is going to go
- As for myself I doubt I'll ever go on a
- I wanted to take a and work on some things.
- We will take a to have the party outdoor.
- Просимо I'll take a at the website and let you know what I think.
- Take afrom your hard work.
- Take a while I get you something to drink.
- We don't have to take from him.
- Take when you get ill.
- Whatever you do, slow down and take your.....
- We came to say as we were passing through.
- Why should I say when it's not my fault?
- Can I trust you to keep a?
- My mother likes to keep of everything.
- Please, keep when I'm on the phone.
- You must learn to keep your in skating.

- “You and me, today we’re going to break a, ” he said.

| Have | Do | Make |
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| have a bath have a drink have a good time have a haircut have a holiday have a problem have a relationship have a rest have lunch have sympathy | do business do nothing do someone a favor do the cooking do the housework do the shopping do the washing up do your best do your hair do your homework | make a difference make a mess make a mistake make a noise make an effort make furniture make money make progress make room make trouble |
| Take | Break | Catch |
| take a break take a chance take a look take a rest take a seat take a taxi take an exam take notes take someone's place | break a habit break a leg break a promise break a record break a window break someone's heart break the ice break the law break the news to someone break the rules | catch a ball catch a bus catch a chill catch a cold catch a thief catch fire catch sight of catch someone's attention catch someone's eye catch the flu |
| Pay | Save | Keep |
| pay a fine pay attention pay by credit card pay cash pay interest pay someone a compliment pay someone a visit pay the bill pay the price pay your respects | save electricity save energy save money save one's strength save someone a seat save someone's life save something save space save time save yourself the trouble | keep a diary keep a promise keep a secret keep an appointment keep calm keep control keep in touch keep quiet keep someone's place keep the change |
| Come | Go | Get |
| come close come complete with come early come first come into view come last come late come on time come prepared come right back come second come to a compromise come to a decision come to an agreement come to an end come to a standstill come to terms with come to a total of come under attack | go abroad go astray go bad go bald go bankrupt go blind go crazy go dark go deaf go fishing go mad go missing go on foot go online go out of business go overseas go quiet go sailing go to war | get a job get a shock get angry get divorced get drunk get frightened get home get lost get married get nowhere get permission get pregnant get ready get started get the impression get the message get the sack get upset get wet get worried |

ENGLISH IDIOMS

Idiom

- above board
- ad lib
- after all
- against the grain
- all along
- all ears
- all of a sudden
- all thumbs
- apple of one's eye
- apple of discord
- as a rule
- as far as I know
- as far as I am concerned
- as for me/ as to me
- as well
- at first sight
- at odds with
- at random
- backseat driver
- ballpark figure
- bark at the moon
- bark up the wrong tree
- be about to
- be all in
- be back on one's feet
- beat around the bush
- be behind the times
- be beside oneself
- be better off
- be broke
- be hard on
- be high on one's list
- be in charge of something
- be in good health
- be in poor health
- be in good shape
- be in bad shape
- be in the red
- be on/at the point of something
- be out of date
- be out of sorts
- be pressed for time, for money
- be to blame
- be touch and go
- be up to one's ears in work
- beat around/about the bush
- beat one's brains out
- before long

Definition or Synonym

- honest, open
- improvise, interpolate
- in spite of the situation; nevertheless
- contrary to someone's feelings, principles
- all the time
- eager to listen
- no difference
- clumsy
- very dear, precious
- subject of envy or quarrel
- generally, usually
- if I have correct information
- in my opinion
- in my opinion
- also, too
- from the first glance; at once; at first glance
- in disagreement with
- at this time
- a passenger who tells you how to drive
- approximate estimate (in figures)
- do a useless thing; waste time
- accuse or pursue the wrong person
- ready
- be extremely tired
- healthy again or better financially
- avoid giving a clear/definite answer
- be old-fashioned, outdated
- be very upset, nervous, worried
- be in a better situation (financially)
- have no money at all; be penniless, bankrupt
- treat roughly
- be one of the most important things
- be responsible for
- be healthy
- be not healthy
- be physically fit; in good condition
- be in bad state; in bad condition
- be in debt
- be on the verge of something
- be outdated
- be in bad temper
- not to have enough time, money
- be responsible for a mistake, for something wrong
- risky, dangerous; uncertain of the result
- be very busy
- avoid giving a clear or definite answer
- make great efforts, often unsuccessfully
- soon



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ENGLISH IDIOMS

Idiom

- big shot
- bite off more than one can chew
- bite the bullet
- bite the dust
- bite the hand that feeds one
- black sheep
- blow it
- bottom line
- break someone's heart
- break the ice
- break the news (to someone)
- bring home the bacon
- by all means
- by heart
- by hook or by crook
- by oneself (by myself, by himself, etc.)
- by the way
- call a halt to something
- call a spade a spade
- call it a day
- call the shots
- carry weight
- castles in the air
- catch someone's eye
- catch one's breath
- catch someone off guard
- catch someone red-handed
- close call
- come to one's senses
- come true
- cross one's mind
- do one's best
- do one's bit
- do someone good
- do something behind someone's back
- down to earth
- draw the line
- duty calls
- eat one's words
- every now and then
- every other
- fall in love (with)
- fall out of love
- false alarm
- a far cry from something
- feel it in one's bones
- feel like doing something
- few and far between

Definition or Synonym

- important person
- try to do more than one can
- accept painful but necessary action
- be killed; die; suffer defeat
- repay kindness with evil
- a good-for-nothing member of the family
- lose the chance
- main result; main factor
- hurt deeply
- overcome awkwardness or shyness
- tell important news
- earn the living for the family
- definitely, certainly
- by memorizing
- by any possible means
- alone; on one's own
- incidentally
- terminate, stop something
- use plain, direct words
- consider work finished for the day
- give orders; be in control of something
- be important
- daydreaming about success
- attract attention
- stop and rest
- catch someone unprepared
- find someone in the act of doing wrong
- a narrow escape; a bad thing that almost happened
- act normally and reasonably again
- become reality
- occur to someone
- try very hard
- do what's needed
- be good for someone
- do (harmful) things secretly
- practical
- set a limit; impose a restriction
- must fulfill obligations
- take back one's words
- occasionally
- every second one
- begin to love
- stop loving
- untrue signal; untrue rumor
- not nearly as good
- expect something bad to happen
- want to do; be inclined to do something
- rare, scarce

ENGLISH IDIOMS

Idiom

Definition or Synonym

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find fault with someone or something • first things first • fly off the handle • follow in someone's footsteps • foot the bill • for good • for the time being • frame of mind • from now on • from the word go • get a grip on oneself • get carried away • get cold feet • get even with someone • get in touch with someone • get to the bottom of something • get to the point • give someone a hand • go back on one's word • go from bad to worse • go to pieces • go with the flow • have a ball • have a bone to pick with someone • have a sweet tooth • have a word with someone • have no business doing something • have one's hands full • hit the nail on the head • hold one's tongue • ill at ease • in advance • in cold blood • in fact • in hot water • in someone's shoes • in the long run • in the same boat • in the clear • it goes without saying • jump at the opportunity • just as soon • just in case • keep a straight face • keep company • keep in mind • keep one's word • keep someone posted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - criticize; complain about - important things come before others - get angry - do the same thing - pay the bill - forever - for now; at this time - mental state - now and in the future - from the very beginning - take control of one's feelings - get too excited and enthusiastic about something - be afraid to do something - have one's revenge - contact someone - know deeply - speak directly about the subject; come to the point - help someone - break a promise - become much worse - get very upset; fall apart - lead a quiet life - have a good time - complain or discuss something unpleasant - love eating sweet things - talk to someone - have no right to do something - be very busy - say exactly the right thing - keep silent; refrain from speaking - uncomfortable - well before - mercilessly - actually; in reality - in trouble; in a difficult situation - in another person's position - in the end - in the same situation - free from blame - should be clear without words - accept the opportunity eagerly - prefer; would rather - to be on the safe side - try not to laugh - accompany - bear in mind; consider; remember - fulfill a promise - inform someone |
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ESLBUZZ

ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

| OF | FOR | WITH | TO | ABOUT |
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| • Proud of | • Respected for | • Pleased with | • Similar to | • Serious about |
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ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

| IN | BY | FROM | AT |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfortable in • Connected in • Disappointed in • Experienced in • Interested in • Polite/impolite in • Present in • Skilled in • Slow in • Successful in • Talented in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazed by • Delighted by • Disturbed by • Excited by • Fascinated by • Impressed by • Inspired by • Astonished by • Shocked by • Surprised by | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made from • Different from • Safe from • Absent from • Free from | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazed at • Angry at • Annoyed at • Awful at • Bad at • Brilliant at • Clever at • Delighted at • Disappointed at • Excellent at • Excited at • Good at • Hopeless at • Mad at • Present at • Terrible at |
| | | ON | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen on • Based on | |

- The drought has made farmers **anxious** the harvest.
- He was quite **certain**his attacker's identity.
- They were very **curious** the people who lived upstairs.
- He's **brilliant** football.
- They are **excellent**..... planning fun parties.
- Please don't be **mad** me!
- Dustin is **terrible** texting.
- He's got no manners – he's **rude** everyone.
- It's **good** see you again.
- She had grown **accustomed** his long absences.
- I've never seen two people so **attached** each other.
- Everyone in the class seemed **eager** learn.
- Her dress is almost **identical to** mine.
- It's too **late to** start complaining now.
- How are you **related to** him? Is he your cousin?
- It was **generous of** him to offer to pay for us both.
- You are **in danger of** being robbed.
- A crane is **a kind of** bird with very long legs and neck.
- It was **nice of** you to give me a present
- I'm **sick of** the way you've treated me.
- I'm sick and **tired of** all the arguments.
- It was **unkind of** you to take his toy away.
- The kids are **busy with** their homework.
- My mother is very **clever with** her hands.
- The airport is **crowded with** stranded travelers.
- He's **fed up with** his job. He wants to quit.
- She was very **gentle with** the children.

Phrasal verbs

Break

| | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| break down | fail to function |
| | have a physical or mental collapse |
| break in | interrupt a discussion |
| break into | Burgle |
| | soften with use (shoes) |
| | enter by force |
| break off | discontinue (therapy, relationship) |
| break out | |
| of | escape from prison, begin suddenly |
| break up | end a relationship |

The burglar broke the house between midnight and 3 AM.

Jane broke ... the conversation and told us what she knew.

Sally broke..... her engagement to John off.

Violent protests broke out in response to the military coup.

The murderer broke the prison.

The fire broke..... in the living room and spread forward.

Bring

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| bring about | cause to happen |
| bring forth | give birth to |
| bring forward | draw attention to sth |
| bring on | cause to happen or appear |
| bring round | Persuade |
| | cause to recover consciousness |
| bring up | educate a child |
| bring * along + | bring with |
| bring * around | change someone's mind, convince |
| someone | |

Call

call back
call for
call in

return a phone call
Require

call off
call out
call on
call up

consult a specialist
Cancel
read names aloud
Visit briefly
reach by phone
summon for military services

We called the picnic.... because of rain.

John called..... me while he was in a The professor called....
silence.

Soldiers were called.... to the army/

I'll call....later beause I'm busy at the moment.

Carry

carry away
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Remove
nspire, affect emotionally
take away (by force)

carry off

Win
remove, degrade (earth)

carry on
carry out
carry through

Continue
accomplish, make
Complete
bring out of difficulties

come about
come across
come after

happen, to be achieved
find/meet by chance
Follow

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| come at | Attack |
| | reach, discover |
| come back | Return |
| come by | pass, go past, visit |
| | buy, get |
| come down | fall (price) |
| come down to | mean, signify |
| come down with | fall sick with |
| come in | enter, be received |
| come into | Inherit |
| come off | become detached |
| come out | become known, be published |
| | be removed (stain) |
| come over | come from a distance |
| come round | visit sb |
| | recover consciousness |
| come to | amount to |
| | arrive/reach a place |
| come up | be mentioned/discussed |
| | (problem) arise |
| come up against | be faced with (problems) |
| come up to | match (a standard) |
| come up with | produce an idea |
| He came..... a large sum of money. | |

Do

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| do away with | Abolish |
| | Kill |
| do up | fasten, secure (clothing) |
| do with | Need |
| do without | not require |

Fall

fall apart
fall behind
fall for

fall in with

fall off

fall out
fall out with
fall through
fall to

fall into pieces
fail to keep up pace
be in love with
be deceived by
meet by chance
coincide with
Decrease
drop from
Quarrel
quarrel with
fail, miscarry
start an activity eagerly

Get

get across
get along
get away
get away with
get by
get down to
get in
get off
get on
get out
get over
get through

get to
get up

communicate (an idea)
be in good terms with somebody
Escape
escape (punishment)
manage, cope
turn one's attention to sth
enter (car, taxi)
disembark (bus, train etc.)
enter (bus, train etc.)
disembark (car, taxi)
recover (illness, upset)
pass (an exam)
be connected on the phone
Reach
rise from bed after sleeping

Go

go against
go along with
go away

go for
go off

go on
go over
go past
go round

go through

go with
Go down

keep away
keep back
keep down
keep off

keep on
keep up
keep up with

look after
look down on
look for
look forward to
look into

be contrary to (principles, rules)
take the same view

Depart
set (sun)
pick up, go and get
Explode, deteriorate (food)
begin to sound (alarm)

Continue
inspect the details of sth
Pass
visit informally
deal with

discuss in detail
experience sth (usually bad)

Match
Become less, decrease in price

Keep

prevent from / avoid being near
Withhold
not to increase
avoid (a topic)
stay away
not stopping doing sth
continue, carry on
not to fall behind sb

Look

take care of
regard with a feeling of superiority
Seek
anticipate with pleasure
investigate (a crime)

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| look on | be a spectator |
| | Regard |
| look out | be careful |
| look over | inspect hastily |
| look through | pretend not to see |
| | examine the contents of sth |
| look up | consult a reference book |
| look up to | Respect |

Make

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| make for | have/produce a particular effect |
| make off | run away |
| make out | recognise, distinguish |
| | constitute, form |
| make up | invent a lie |
| | put together, prepare |
| a | pply cosmetics |
| make up for | Compensate |
| | regain (time) |

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|-------------|--------------------------------|
| put aside | save money |
| | put away |
| put back | lay money aside for the future |
| | move back the hands of a clock |
| put by | save for later use |
| | Repress |
| put down | write down |
| | store (food) |
| put down to | give as a reason, attribute to |

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| put forward | move forward the hands of a clock |
| put in for | suggest, propose |
| put on | be a candidate for an election |
| | Put waight |
| put off | dress oneself with |
| put out | Postpone |
| put through | extinguish (a fire, light) |
| Put up | connect sb by phone |
| | provide accomodation for |
| | Offer for sale, build, raise |
| put up with | tolerate, accept |

Run

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| run after | Chase |
| run away | escape, flee |
| run down | knock down, collide with |
| | feel weak due to overwork |
| run across | Meet smb accidentally |
| run into | meet by chance |
| run off | escape, flee |
| run out | run outside |
| | to expire |
| run out of | exhaust one's stock |
| | Overflow |
| run over | study quickly |
| | pass over, knock down |
| run up against | meet with difficulties |

Set

| | |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| set aside | reserve for later use |
| set back | hinder, slow down a progress |
| set down | write down |

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| set off | cause to explode |
| | start a journey |
| set up | start business |

Good weather set.... following a rainy spring

We set... early in the morning to get to our destination by noon

Please set Your surnames on the list of students.

We set... new business in the USA, which proves to be successful.

She set ... a clock one hour.

Take

| | |
|--------------|---|
| take after | follow sb as an example resemble in appearance |
| take down | write down |
| take in | understand (meaning) Deceive |
| take off | Undress begin flight (plane) |
| take to | develop a habit continue, proceed |
| take up | become interested in |
| take up with | begin to associate with |

Preposition Phrases with FOR

•for ages

E.g. I haven't seen you for ages. Where have you been?

•for breakfast/lunch/dinner

E.g. What did you have for breakfast today?

•for certain/sure

E.g. I know for certain that I won't be here next year.

•for a change

E.g. We always go there. Let's go to another bar for a change.

•for ever (or forever)

E.g. Nobody can live for ever, unfortunately.

•for example

E.g. You could, for example, walk instead of taking the car.

•for fear of

E.g. I didn't tell him for fear of upsetting him.

•for fun

E.g. I don't take sport seriously, I do it just for fun.

•for good

E.g. I'm not coming back. This time I'm leaving for good.

•for granted

E.g. Don't take your parents for granted, appreciate them.

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E.g. There are cars and vans for hire at the airport.

•for instance

E.g. You should study another language, for instance, Italian.

•for luck

E.g. I always wear this bracelet for luck.

•for life

E.g. Working for the government is a job for life.

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E.g. I definitely don't do it for the money, I do it for love.

•for a moment

E.g. For a moment, I thought she was being serious.

•for the moment

E.g. I'm happy living in London for the moment.

•for nothing

E.g. I can't believe it's closed. I came all this way for nothing.

•for once

E.g. Late again! For once, can you try to arrive on time?

•for the rest of

E.g. I could live here for the rest of my life.

•for safekeeping

E.g. At the gym, I put my stuff in a locker for safekeeping.

•for somebody's sake

E.g. Maria was upset so I had to be calm for her sake.

•for the sake of

E.g. They stayed together for the sake of their children.

•for sale

E.g. There's a lovely house for sale at the end of this street.

•for short

E.g. My name is John but my family call me J for short.

•for the time being

E.g. I'm happy in my current job for the time being.

•for a visit/holiday

E.g. I'm in the mood for a holiday. Let's go somewhere.

•for a walk

E.g. I needed to calm down so I went for a long walk.

•for a while

E.g. I haven't spoken to him for a while

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Prepositional Phrases with AT

•at the age of

E.g. I learned to drive at the age of 21.

•at the beginning of

E.g. I joined a gym at the beginning of the year.

•at the bottom of

E.g. There's a shop at the bottom of this hill.

•at all costs

E.g. I need to pass this exam at all costs.

•at one's desk

E.g. My manager spoke to me at my desk.

•at the door

E.g. There's somebody at the door.

•at the end

E.g. I'm going to Madrid at the end of month.

•at fault

E.g. Who was at fault for the accident?

•at first

E.g. At first, I was happy here but now I'm not.

•at first sight

E.g. We met at university and it was love at first sight.

•at a glance

E.g. I knew at a glance that something was wrong.

•at a guess

E.g. At a guess, 50 people were at the party.

•at hand

E.g. I always have a pen at hand in case I need to take notes.

•at ...km per hour

E.g. He was fined £150 for driving at 200km per hour.

•at last

E.g. At last, our bus has arrived. Thank goodness!

•at the latest

E.g. Cinderella had to be home by 12 at the latest.

•**at least**

E.g. It's cold but at least it's not raining.

•**at length**

E.g. My dad could talk at length about Irish history.

•**at midday/midnight**

E.g. I went home at midnight as I was tired.

•**at the moment**

E.g. I'm living in Ireland at the moment.

•**at night**

E.g. I can't study during the day. I prefer to study at night.

•**at once**

E.g. Everybody started talking at once.

•**at present**

E.g. At present, I'm working for a multinational.

•**at random**

E.g. Numbers are selected at random in a lottery.

•**at any rate**

E.g. At any rate, I'm confident I'll find a job soon.

•**at the same time**

E.g. I had fun and improved my English at the same time.

•**at school**

E.g. Things were very different when I was at school.

•**at short notice**

E.g. She cancelled the meeting at short notice.

•**at the table**

E.g. The whole family sat at the table for dinner.

•**at times**

E.g. At times, I feel like giving up.

•**at the top of**

E.g. Barcelona are at the top of the Spanish league.

•**at university**

E.g. I studied economics at university

•**at the weekend**

E.g. I love going out with friends at the weekend.

•**at work**

E.g. I'm at work right now, so I'll call you back later.

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

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Prepositional Phrase

Example

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the age of • at the beginning of • at the bottom of • at all costs • at one's desk • at the door • at the end • at fault • at first • at first sight • at a glance • at a guess • at hand • at ... km per hour • at last • at the latest • at least • at length • at midday/midnight • at the moment • at night • at once • at present • at random • at any rate • at the same time • at school • at short notice • at the table • at times • at the top of • at university • at the weekend • at work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I learned to drive at the age of 21. - I joined a gym at the beginning of the year. - There's a shop at the bottom of this hill. - I need to pass this exam at all costs. - My manager spoke to me at my desk. - There's somebody at the door. - I'm going to Madrid at the end of month. - Who was at fault for the accident? - At first, I was happy here but now I'm not. - We met at university and it was love at first sight. - I knew at a glance that something was wrong. - At a guess, 50 people were at the party. - I always have a pen at hand in case I need to take notes. - He was fined £150 for driving at 200km per hour. - At last, our bus has arrived. Thank goodness! - Cinderella had to be home by 12 at the latest. - It's cold but at least it's not raining. - My dad could talk at length about Irish history. - I went home at midnight as I was tired. - I'm living in Ireland at the moment. - I can't study during the day. I prefer to study at night. - Everybody started talking at once. - At present, I'm working for a multinational. - Numbers are selected at random in a lottery. - At any rate, I'm confident I'll find a job soon. - I had fun and improved my English at the same time. - Things were very different when I was at school. - She cancelled the meeting at short notice. - The whole family sat at the table for dinner. - At times, I feel like giving up. - Barcelona are at the top of the Spanish league. - I studied economics at university. - I love going out with friends at the weekend. - I'm at work right now so I'll call you back later. |
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Prepositional Phrases with BY

•by accident

E.g. I was so sleepy that I put salt in my coffee by accident.

•by all accounts

E.g. By all accounts, Seville is a beautiful city.

•by appointment

E.g. The museum is open at weekends by appointment.

•by the arm/hand

E.g. He took me by the hand as we walked along the beach.

•by auction

E.g. We're selling our antique furniture by auction.

•by birth

E.g. I grew up in England but I'm Irish by birth.

•by bus/train/plane, etc.

E.g. Are you going to go there by bus or by train?

•by chance

E.g. I found some money in my jacket pocket by chance.

•by cheque

E.g. I've never paid for anything by cheque.

•by day/night

E.g. The Eiffel Tower looks spectacular by night.

•by design

E.g. I became a teacher more by accident than by design.

•by the dozen

E.g. I always buy eggs by the dozen. A dozen means 12.

•by far

E.g. Before Sunset is by far my favourite film – I just love it.

•by hand

E.g. My granduncle built this house by hand.

•by heart

E.g. At school we had to learn poems by heart.

•by land/sea/air

E.g. I get sick whenever I travel by sea.

•by law

E.g. Dog owners must have a licence for the pets by law.

•by luck

E.g. They played badly but won the match by luck.

•by means of

E.g. I was able to afford the car by means of a bank loan.

•by mistake

E.g. I chose the wrong road by mistake. Now we're lost.

•by nature

E.g. German people tend to be quite organised by nature.

•by no means

E.g. It's by no means certain that the economy will improve.

•by now

E.g. If you don't know me by now, you'll never know me.

•by oneself

E.g. I don't mind spending time by myself.

•by phone

E.g. Get in touch with me by phone if you need any help.

•by post

E.g. Do you think it's safe to send cash by post.

•by request

E.g. Guided tours of the gallery are available by request.

•by rights

E.g. By rights, it's my turn to play but you can go ahead.

•by one's side

E.g. He was by her side whenever she needed him.

•by surprise

E.g. The unusual question took John by surprise.

•by the time

E.g. I'll have gone to bed by the time you get home.

•by the way

E.g. By the way, I won't be able to come to class next week.

•by word of mouth

E.g. The best form of advertising is by word of mouth.

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Prepositional Phrases with in

in case = as a precaution

“Take an umbrella in case it rains.”

in danger = when someone / something is in a dangerous situation

“Even though we were miles from the town, we never felt in danger.”

in difficulty = when someone / something has a problem

“The business was in difficulty after the bank stopped lending them money.”

in English = speak in English (or in French, Arabic, etc)

“Please speak in English!”

in fact = when you say something that’s true

“I didn’t say that. In fact, I said the opposite!”

in general = generally

“In general, people here are very friendly.”

in hand = when you know about a problem and are dealing with it

“We know about the problem, and it’s all in hand.”

in haste = when you do something too quickly

“Have you heard the saying, ‘Marry in haste, repent at leisure’?”

in line for = likely to receive

“She’s in line for a promotion.”

in love = when you love someone / something

“Have you ever been in love?”

in practice = what usually happens

“I always write myself goals, but in practice, I never look at them again.”

in real life = in a real situation (unlike fantasy or on the internet)

“She seems very confident on YouTube, but in real life she’s quite shy.”

in reality = what really happens (as opposed to what we want to happen)

“They say they’re rich, but in reality they’re just like you and me.”

in tears = when someone cries

“She was in tears after the meeting.”

in the dark = when someone doesn’t tell you something you should know

“He kept his colleagues in the dark and nobody knew about the problem.”

in theory = what is supposed to happen

“In theory we’ve only got another half an hour to go before we get there.”

in time = when you do something before the deadline

“We got to the airport in time to get our plane.”

in work = employed

“What percentage of the population are in work?”

Prepositional Phrases with with off

off colour = when someone looks unwell

“You look a bit off colour. Are you OK?”

off duty = when you stop work

“What time does he go off duty?”

off guard = unprepared

“He was caught off guard by her question.”

off plan = when you buy a house from the plans (and before it’s built)

“The developers have already sold all the flats off plan.”

off season = when a time is less busy

“You can get some great hotel discounts if you stay off season.”

off work = when you don’t go to work, because you’re ill

“She’s off work with a bad back.”

Prepositional Phrases with on

on board = when you support an idea

“We’ve got two investors on board. Now we need to find a third.”
(Don’t confuse this with “onboard” = on an aircraft or ship)

on brand = when something is consistent with your brand

“Their videos are completely on brand with the rest of their communications.”

on duty = when you are officially working

“She’s on duty from 3pm.”

on edge = when you feel nervous or tense

“She’s a bit on edge at the moment as the company is downsizing.”

on file = when you keep records of something

“We’ll keep your details on file.”

on fire = when something is burning

“Police think the house was set on fire deliberately.”

on foot = walk somewhere

“They did the whole journey on foot.”

on form = when you are well or at your usual level of energy, etc

“Julie was on form last night. She was the life and soul of the party!”

on guard = when someone / something is watching or guarding something

“That dog is on guard all day long.”

on hand (also “to hand”) = available, often for a specific purpose

“A team of supporters will be on hand for people running the marathon.”

on hold = delayed or paused

“We’ve put our plans for an extension on hold until we save up the money.”

= ask someone to wait (on the phone)

“Can I put you on hold for a couple of minutes?”

on purpose = when you do something deliberately

“I didn’t break the window on purpose! I’m sorry.”

on sale = when you can buy something more cheaply

“This sofa is on sale. We should buy it!”

on tap = available (beer is kept “on tap” in pubs)

“We’ve got all the resources we need on tap.”

on target = likely to reach your goal

“Her company is on target to make over a million this year.”

on TV = when a programme is shown

“What’s on TV tonight?”

on time = when something is punctual (not early or late)

“She’s always on time at work.”

on track = likely to reach your goal

“We need to keep this project on track.”

Prepositional Phrases with under

under age = when someone is too young for a particular activity

“There’s a problem with under age drinking in this town.”

under arrest = when a policeman / policewoman makes an arrest

“You’re under arrest!”

under attack = when someone / something is attacking someone / something else

“Our ideas for a new product came under attack from the Sales Department.”

under consideration = when a group of people are thinking about a decision

“The plans are under consideration.”

under construction = when something isn’t yet built

“Her website is still under construction.”

under control = when a situation is calm or unlikely to get worse

“Police say that the situation is under control.”

under discussion = when people haven't decided

“The council's plans for a new swimming pool are still under discussion.”

under fire = receive criticism

“She came under fire for her plans.”

= be under attack

“The soldiers came under fire from the rebels.”

under pressure = when you're feeling a lot of pressure

“He's under pressure from his boss.”

under review = when people are thinking about changing an existing plan / policy

“Our hiring policies are under review.”

under siege = when a town or city is surrounded by an army

“Food is getting scarce in the city, which has been under siege for the last month.”

under suspicion = when people believe someone is guilty of something

“He's come under suspicion because his political views are different.”

under water = when there is a flood

“Houses are still under water after the latest flood.”

Collocations and Prepositions Quiz

1. I'm sorry, but I can't help you ___ the moment.

- at
- in

2. You should buy a new laptop now. They're ___ sale.

- in

- on
3. You should leave now if you want to be ___ time.
- at
 - on
4. Sue called to tell me that they are ___ their way.
- on
 - out of
5. I don't like him ___ all.
- at
 - of
6. You can't go to the party. It's ___ of the question.
- off
 - out
7. You can see my brother in this photo. He's standing ___ the middle.
- at
 - in
8. I wanted to buy a new phone, but the shop was ___ of stock.
- in
 - out
9. I knocked on the door, and someone opened it ___ once.
- at
 - in
10. I left the restaurant booking to the last minute, but I was ___ luck. They had a table free.
- in
 - on

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