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Basics. Common Prepositions: On, At, By, With, and About

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1. Help the detective review the suspect's alibi. Select ALL the grammatically correct phrases that apply to complete the sentence.

The suspect claims that on Sunday, he was _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** at home with his dog
- **B)** on a train to London
- **C)** by himself
- **D)** in vacation
- **E)** with his own

2. Help the friendly alien complete his letter home about Earth by dragging the correct prepositions into the blanks.

Dear Mom,

Earth is strange! Humans travel long distances _____ train instead of using their own wings. In fact, they are very bad _____ flying without machines. To eat, they pick up food _____ a metal tool called a fork. I am reading a big book _____ their funny habits so I can fit in!

Love,
Zorg

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** by
- **B)** with
- **C)** in

Blank 2

- **A)** at
- **B)** in
- **C)** from

Blank 3

- **A)** with
- **B)** by
- **C)** about

Blank 4

- **A)** about
- **B)** over
- **C)** from

3. Read the proud parent's social media post. Select ALL the phrases that apply to correctly complete the sentence!

My brilliant daughter is very good _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** at solving math puzzles
- **B)** with animals
- **C)** about fixing computers
- **D)** on playing the piano

4. Complete the movie reviewer's confusing summary of a new film.

"It is a thrilling documentary ___ a group of penguins who travel to New York to learn how to tap dance."

Select one.

- **A)** of
- **B)** about
- **C)** with
- **D)** for

5. Help Sarah figure out how to get to the music festival! Select ALL the grammatically correct options that apply to complete her text message.

Don't worry about traffic! We can get to the festival _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** by bus
- **B)** on foot
- **C)** with a car
- **D)** by train
- **E)** on a taxi

6. Help the clumsy ghost fill out his nightly haunting log by selecting the right words.

I broke a nice tea cup _____ mistake.
I promise I didn't scare the family dog _____ purpose!
At least I arrived for my haunting shift exactly _____ time.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** by
- **B)** on
- **C)** at

Blank 2

- **A)** on
- **B)** by
- **C)** with

Blank 3

- **A)** on
- **B)** in
- **C)** at

7. Complete the teenager's perfect excuse to avoid doing chores.

"I can't take out the trash right now! I'm ___ the phone with my best friend discussing a very important pizza emergency!"

Select one.

- **A)** in
- **B)** at
- **C)** on
- **D)** by

8. Complete the alien's report about strange human habits by choosing the correct prepositions.

Humans get very angry _____ each other over silly things.
They love to talk _____ the weather every single day.
They are also very good _____ sleeping through loud noises.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** with
- **B)** about
- **C)** by

Blank 2

- **A)** at
- **B)** with
- **C)** about

Blank 3

- **A)** at
- **B)** on
- **C)** with

9. Help the disastrous chef finish their honest confession.

"I am absolutely terrible ___ cooking. Yesterday, I somehow managed to burn a salad!"

Select one.

- **A)** in
- **B)** at
- **C)** with
- **D)** about

10. Read the hasty sticky note left by a clumsy roommate. Choose the correct prepositions to complete their apologies and promises.

Hey!

I took your green umbrella _____ mistake this morning. I am currently _____ home, but it is raining heavily outside. Please don't be worried _____ the wet floors in the hallway. I will clean the house _____ pleasure when the storm passes!

See you soon!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **C)** in

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- **B)** under
- **C)** from

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- **A)** about
- **B)** for
- **C)** to

Blank 4

- **A)** with
- **B)** into
- **C)** on