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Question Words with Prepositions

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1. Choose the correct words to help the tech support agent figure out what the customer is trying to do.

I need to know _____ you are using this strange software _____, and exactly _____ you were talking _____ when your computer caught fire.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** why
- **B)** what
- **C)** when

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** where
- **B)** who
- **C)** which

Blank 4

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

2. Help the paranoid survivalist complete their text message by choosing the correct pair of words.

"I know we need to build an underground bunker, but _____ are we going to share it _____?"

Select one.

- **A)** who / for
- **B)** who / with
- **C)** where / with
- **D)** what / to

3. Complete the eavesdropper's whispered question to their friend by selecting the correct option.

"They've been arguing loudly for twenty minutes, but I missed the beginning! _____ are they actually arguing _____?"

Select one.

- **A)** Why / about
- **B)** What / about
- **C)** Who / for
- **D)** Which / over

4. Help the nosy roommate complete their rapid-fire interrogation by selecting the best word for each gap.

"Wait, you went to that fancy new sushi place last night? _____ did you go _____? And you were out for three whole hours! Exactly _____ were you two talking _____ for so long?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Who
- **B)** Whose
- **C)** Which

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** what
- **B)** why
- **C)** how

Blank 4

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

5. You are emailing your terrifyingly strict literature professor to clarify the homework assignment before the weekend. You want to make sure your grammar is absolutely flawless.

Select ALL the grammatically correct ways to ask about the reading assignment.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Which specific chapters should we focus on?
- **B)** On which specific chapters should we focus?
- **C)** Which specific chapters should we focus?
- **D)** On which specific chapters we should focus?

6. Choose the correct pair of words to complete the roommate's baffled sticky note.

"There is a glowing green jar of mayonnaise in the fridge. _____ on earth did you buy that _____?"

Select one.

- **A)** What / for
- **B)** Why / for
- **C)** How / to
- **D)** Which / about

7. Complete the lost traveler's questions to the station master by choosing the correct option for each blank.

"Excuse me, _____ is this incredibly delayed train coming _____? And exactly _____ is the conductor shouting _____ down there on the platform?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** where
- **B)** when
- **C)** how

Blank 2

- **A)** from
- **B)** of
- **C)** since

Blank 3

- **A)** who
- **B)** whose
- **C)** what

Blank 4

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

8. Help the detective formulate her interrogation questions! She needs to ask a suspect where a highly suspicious box of donuts came from.

Select ALL the grammatically correct ways she could ask about the package's origin.

Select all that apply.

A) Who did you get this mysterious package from?
B) From whom did you get this mysterious package?
C) From who did you get this mysterious package?
D) Who did you get this mysterious package?

9. Your roommate just found a strange, alien-looking gadget in the back of the kitchen drawer and is holding it up in confusion.

Select ALL the grammatically correct questions they could ask to find out its purpose.

Select all that apply.

A) What is this bizarre gadget used for?
B) For what is this bizarre gadget used?
C) What is this bizarre gadget used?
D) For what this bizarre gadget is used?

10. Help the detective interrogate the suspect by choosing the correct question words and prepositions to complete the notes.

The detective asked me _____ I went to the museum _____. He also demanded to know exactly _____ I was looking _____ when the alarm sounded.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) what
B) who
C) where

Blank 2
A) with
B) by
C) for

Blank 3
A) who
B) why
C) what

Blank 4
A) at
B) on
C) to

11. Complete the text messages about a disastrous blind date by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I still can't figure out _____ he is _____, because his accent kept changing! And you won't believe _____ he asked me to pay _____ at the restaurant!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) who
B) where
C) how

Blank 2
A) from
B) in
C) at

Blank 3
A) who
B) what
C) when

Blank 4

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

12. Choose the correct question words and prepositions to complete the investor's confused reactions to a new gadget.

"A laser-powered spatula? Exactly _____ is this giant red button _____? And _____ are you planning to sell this bizarre invention _____?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** what
- **B)** why
- **C)** how

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** who
- **B)** whose
- **C)** which

Blank 4

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