

## EXERCISES ON PREPOSITION

Complete the following sentences with proper prepositions:

1. We'll buy a smaller house when the children have grown \_\_\_\_\_ and left home.
2. The computer isn't working. It broke \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.
3. My headaches have been much better since I gave \_\_\_\_\_ drinking coffee.
4. I turned \_\_\_\_\_ their offer because they weren't going to pay me enough money.
5. It was not a problem. We looked \_\_\_\_\_ his number in the telephone book.
6. Helen takes \_\_\_\_\_ her mother in many ways.
7. We need to set \_\_\_\_\_ early tomorrow.
8. The plane took \_\_\_\_\_ very quickly.
9. Anne's leaving \_\_\_\_\_ London tomorrow morning.
10. Your friend is always complaining \_\_\_\_\_ her job.
  
11. If there was a technical failure, Gagarin might never get \_\_\_\_\_ to the Earth.
12. Courses like shoemaking or glass engraving provide people \_\_\_\_\_ practical skills they can do with their hands.
13. She is famous \_\_\_\_\_ her beautiful face and sweet voice.
14. We are all aware \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of the environment protection.
15. His opinion is different \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
16. If you don't pay attention \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher, you won't understand the lesson.
17. I'm not familiar \_\_\_\_\_ his name, but his face seems familiar \_\_\_\_\_ me.
18. We were very grateful \_\_\_\_\_ our friends for all of their assistance.
19. No one knew precisely what would happen \_\_\_\_\_ a human being in space.
20. How would the mind deal \_\_\_\_\_ the psychological tension?
  
21. I'm good \_\_\_\_\_ English, but I'm bad \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics.
22. Mrs. Brown is often worried \_\_\_\_\_ money.
23. Her parents are very pleased \_\_\_\_\_ her French.
24. I'm not interested \_\_\_\_\_ politics.
25. I'm bit short \_\_\_\_\_ money. Can you lend me some?
26. I was delighted \_\_\_\_\_ the present you gave me.
27. She was sad because he was very rude \_\_\_\_\_ her.
28. She was very angry \_\_\_\_\_ Tom.
29. Fred is capable \_\_\_\_\_ doing better work than he is doing at present.
30. You get bored \_\_\_\_\_ doing the same thing every day.
  
31. Thank you. It was very kind \_\_\_\_\_ you to help me.
32. Mr. Green is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ hiring employees.
33. There's really no need for you to be afraid \_\_\_\_\_ the examination.
34. Ken was proud \_\_\_\_\_ his good marks on the English.
35. My plan is similar \_\_\_\_\_ yours, but it is different \_\_\_\_\_ Ken's.
36. Pierre said he had become quite fond \_\_\_\_\_ American hamburgers.

37. That fashion magazine is full \_\_\_\_\_ advertising for women's clothes.
38. Thin gloves aren't very suitable \_\_\_\_\_ that kind of work.
39. They were happy \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the election.
40. Y. Gagarin lifted \_\_\_\_\_ into space aboard the Vostok 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 9.07 a.m. Moscow time \_\_\_\_\_ 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1961.
41. If you want to lose weight, you must go \_\_\_\_\_ a diet.
42. You should learn \_\_\_\_\_ heart all the new words and try to use them in the context.
43. We have been learning English \_\_\_\_\_ five years.
44. Can you send it to me \_\_\_\_\_ fax?
45. She's never satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ what she has got.
46. She wanted to borrow some books \_\_\_\_\_ him but she was shy \_\_\_\_\_ asking.
47. They succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ escaping \_\_\_\_\_ the burning house.
48. I don't approve \_\_\_\_\_ your smoking. I wish you would give \_\_\_\_\_ that habit.
49. Do you think we'll find a solution \_\_\_\_\_ the problem?
50. I must try and look \_\_\_\_\_ my notes before the exam.
  
51. He admitted having opened the suitcase \_\_\_\_\_ asking its owner.
52. Opening the parcel, he was surprised \_\_\_\_\_ what he saw.
53. She insisted \_\_\_\_\_ him wearing the red tie.
54. The teacher tried to explain the new formula \_\_\_\_\_ his students.
55. The English contest organized \_\_\_\_\_ our teachers is an annual event in my school.
56. The participants must find \_\_\_\_\_ all the answers in order to go in the next round.
57. Are you excited \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday next week?
58. She said to me "why don't you relax \_\_\_\_\_ a while?"
59. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the film, the heroine was reunited with her family.
60. On behalf \_\_\_\_\_ our group, he made a speech at the meeting.
  
61. Have you washed your hands \_\_\_\_\_ having lunch.
62. He was accused \_\_\_\_\_ having stolen a car.
63. Thank you very much \_\_\_\_\_ inviting me to your party.
64. We could not play soccer due \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather.
65. If you don't want to watch TV. Turn it \_\_\_\_\_, please.
66. He is retired. He lives \_\_\_\_\_ his pension.
67. He's getting bored \_\_\_\_\_ learning \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
68. The bomb went \_\_\_\_\_ killing several by-standers.
69. They cancelled the flight because \_\_\_\_\_ the storm.
70. The local people are very hospitable \_\_\_\_\_ strangers.
  
71. Why were you absent \_\_\_\_\_ class this morning?
72. In English lessons we always speak \_\_\_\_\_ English.
73. When I bought the house, my sister helped me \_\_\_\_\_ with a loan.
74. Your father is very kind \_\_\_\_\_ David.
75. Your plan is similar \_\_\_\_\_ his.
76. She is accustomed \_\_\_\_\_ getting up early.
77. This area is rich \_\_\_\_\_ oil.

78. Are you acquainted \_\_\_\_\_ this man?
79. It was very nice \_\_\_\_\_ him to give me a lift.
80. Smoking is harmful \_\_\_\_\_ our health.
81. Mary always take good care \_\_\_\_\_ her children.
82. Our study is very important \_\_\_\_\_ our future and useful \_\_\_\_\_ our country.
83. Why don't you ask \_\_\_\_\_ a pay increase?
84. Don't shout \_\_\_\_\_ the child when he makes a mistake.
85. Ken prefers Chinese food \_\_\_\_\_ French food.
- 86 How long have they been working \_\_\_\_\_ the company?
87. He wore a hat, which made him look \_\_\_\_\_ a spy.
88. I think your mother should let you make \_\_\_\_\_ your own mind.
89. The pens made \_\_\_\_\_ plastic are very cheap .
90. Many of the stories are based \_\_\_\_\_ rumor.
91. Was your friend successful \_\_\_\_\_ getting a loan from the bank?
92. If you look \_\_\_\_\_ the book, you can find what you need.
93. You should make use \_\_\_\_\_ the books you have.
94. She was very upset \_\_\_\_\_ the news of her father's death.
95. How would the body react \_\_\_\_\_ the extreme changes in temperature?
96. We congratulate you \_\_\_\_\_ your successful flight.
97. The American people shared \_\_\_\_\_ the Soviet people their satisfaction for the safe flight.
98. Most of the streets were named \_\_\_\_\_ national heroes.
99. China became the third country in the world to be able to independently carry \_\_\_\_\_ manned space flights.
100. . He was in orbit around the Earth \_\_\_\_\_ a speed of more than 17,000 miles per hour.

### KEY

- 1- up 2- down 3-up 4- down 5- up 6- after 7- off 8- off 9- for 10- about  
 11- back 12- with 13-for 14- of 15- from 16- to 17- with 18- to 19- to 20- with  
 21- at/at 22- about 23-with 24- in 25- of 26- with 27-to 28-with 29- of 30- with  
 31- of 32- for 33-of 34- of 35- to 36- of 37-of 38- for 39-with 40-off / at / on  
 41- on 42- by 43-for 44- by 45- with 46- from/ of 47-in / from 48- of 49- to 50- through  
 51- without 52- at 53-on 54- to 55- for 56- out 57-about 58- for 59-at 60- of  
 61-before 62- of 63- for -of 64- to 65- off 66- on 67-with/by 68- off 69-of 70- to  
 71- from 72- in 73-out 74- to 75- to 76- to 77-in 78- with 79- of 80- to  
 81-of 82- for/ for 83-for 84- at 85- to 86- for 87- like 88- up 89-of 90- on  
 91- in 92- through 93-of 94- about 95- to 96- on 97-with 98- after 99- out 100- at