

Grammar exercises

1 In six of these sentences there is a noun followed by the wrong preposition. Find the sentences with the error and correct them.

- 1 Demand with our plastic products has increased recently.
- 2 I don't know anything with the outcome of last month's meeting.
- 3 There was a sudden drop in orders last week.
- 4 The outbreak of the flu virus has had a great impact of sales.
- 5 Could you get in contact on the chairperson this afternoon?
- 6 There has been no change for the demand for organic foods.
- 7 Dessa took responsibility for the mistakes in the catalog.
- 8 I'd like to ask your opinion over this article.

2 Fill in the blanks in this conversation with the adjectives in the box.

anxious aware annoyed ~~bored~~ enthusiastic interested pleased

Austin: I'm so **1** bored with going to meetings where people spend hours discussing things that don't concern me.

Yvette: I know, me too! I'm really not **2** _____ in whose responsibility it is to organize a training course when I'm only there to discuss the latest trends. I guess we should try to be more **3** _____ about them.

Austin: Do you think that the board of directors is **4** _____ of this problem? Maybe we should talk to somebody about it.

Yvette: Don't you think they will be **5** _____ by that?

Austin: Not necessarily. The board may be **6** _____ with the fact that someone is putting forward suggestions. If you are **7** _____ about speaking to someone, I don't mind saying something.

3 Read the statements and make sentences using the words in parentheses. Use a verb + preposition.

- 1** I found a tear in the halter dress when I got home.
(She / complain / tear / dress)
- 2** I am so sorry that your order was damaged completely.
(He / apologize / damaged order)
- 3** I can't find the file you just gave me anywhere.
(I / search / everywhere / missing file)
- 4** I had difficulty in unlocking the front door.
(I / finally / succeed / opening / door)

4 Read this extract from the minutes of a meeting. Fill the blanks with the words in the box.

agreement demand excited impact
Increase meet prepare satisfied

about for for in on
with with with

The chairman presented the case for the construction of a new visitor's center to accommodate the increasing **1** demand for improved facilities by the public. It was agreed that we should **2** _____ a team of architects to design a new building based on input from our panel. A committee was formed yesterday to look into the possible environmental **3** _____ the wildlife of the area. In general, the committee members were **4** _____ the project and expressed **5** _____ the chairman's recommendations.

A proposal was made to increase the entrance fee for all visitors during the summer months. The proposal was based on information showing that an increased number of visitors will be visiting the area this summer. The proposal was voted on but was rejected later since the board is currently **6** _____ our financial status. However, a separate proposal for an **7** _____ the overnight camping fee was accepted. Park rangers will need to **8** _____ the expected increase in visitors.

5 Read this short article from a website and underline the correct preposition.

Melissa Miller has an unusual job: knocking people over. You are probably wondering what the reason **1** for / with doing that is. In fact, Megan works as a research coordinator with the responsibility **2** for/on studying how people fall over. The research team is searching **3** with / for a way of preventing injuries in people past middle age. The work mainly consists **4** of / with measuring the reaction times of people when they are made to trip or fall over in a special room. The floor of the room moves unpredictably and different objects are placed on the walls and floor, so people can hold onto them or trip over them. The participants are loosely held in a harness so that they never actually make contact **5** on / with the floor. They never really get hurt, and they don't complain **6** about / of it because they are paid for their time. The study has led to knowledge **7** about / by how to prevent falls, a serious cause of injury for the elderly. Melissa is proud **8** on / of her job and enjoys telling people that she has a job knocking people over; but of course no one ever believes her.