

ESL FALL: 9-21-09

Fill in the blank with the correct preposition.

1. I was impressed _____ the comment Yuki made.
2. I was named _____ my father.
3. I have lived in New Orleans _____ October.
4. We will meet them _____ the club.
5. My brother lives _____ Dallas.
6. I will be there _____ sundown.
7. We set out _____ dawn.
8. I will visit them _____ summer when the weather is milder.
9. It is cold there _____ night.
10. I am grateful _____ you for providing me a free ticket.
11. Are you familiar _____ this subject?
12. I am accustomed _____ people talking loudly.
13. I am not familiar _____ that area.
14. Who is responsible _____ this mess?
15. Will you contribute _____ this charity fund?

Subject-Verb Agreement: Correct any sentences that are wrong.

- Some of the homework were hard.
- A lot of the book were damaged.
- One of my employees are pregnant.
- Each of my sisters are soon to be married.
- None of the computers are damaged.
- Somebody were waiting when I arrived.
- Either the president or the vice president are going on the trip.
- Nothing in this school are unsafe.
- A pair of pants are hanging in the closet.
- The sugar were added at the end of the recipe.
- Three hours are the time needed to complete the test.

Vocabulary:

reveal: to uncover or show (also to make people be aware of something)

That dress reveals to much of her legs. That blouse is too revealing. When they removed the old carpet, a beautiful wood floor was revealed. Research revealed that people are living longer now.

Write a sentence with "reveal". _____

outnumber: to be larger in number

In that college, men outnumber women two to one. I was the only girl in the class, and felt outnumbered. Old people outnumber young people in that city.

Write a sentence with "outnumber". _____

impact: strong effect (also the force which something hits)

The election of an African American president had a positive impact on race relations. What

impact will the economy have on new car sales? The impact of the meteorite caused earthquakes across the earth. These running shoes will absorb the impact of your heel striking the ground.

Write a sentence with "impact". _____

pension: money paid as a retirement benefit

Most of the workers will receive a good pension when they retire. I hope I don't have to live on my pension when I retire.

Write a sentence with "pension". _____

boom: a loud sound as in an explosion (also very profitable)

The quiet night was broken by the boom of the cannon. The economy in China is booming now that private industry is allowed. The manager spoke with a booming voice to announce the sales. The booming world population creates many environmental problems.

Write a sentence with "boom" or "booming". _____

Article: World Population Aging at Record Rate

The world is getting older and older. Not the planet, but the people who live on it. A new report reveals the global population of older people is growing at its fastest rate ever.

By 2040 about 14% of the world's population will be retirement age. Researchers say the number of elderly will soon outnumber the young for the first time in human history. This will have a big impact on our society, economy and the way we live. An older population will push up pension and healthcare costs. The workforce will have to pay much higher taxes to look after more old people.

Japan is already dealing with these problems. There is a booming industry in Japan to cater to the elderly. Engineers are developing robots to feed, and clean up after the elderly. There are even robot companions to keep old people company.

One positive change is that people are re-thinking what old age is. Now we tend to view 60 year olds as young.

Questions:

- 1.What are the disadvantages to an aging population?
- 2.What are some advantages?
- 3.Would you resent paying higher taxes to support old people?
- 4.In the past in the US, old people were cared for in their sons or daughters homes. But now, few people want to have their parents living with them when they are old. How are older people cared for in your country?
- 5.Do you think it is cruel to put old people in a nursing home?
- 6.What do you think are the worst problems old people suffer from?
- 7.How long do you want to live?
- 8.What do you consider "old age"?
- 9.Have your parents or grandparents aged well?
- 10.What do you hope to do in your old age?
- 11.Statistics show that old people who continue working live longer. Would you consider working past normal retirement age?