

I. Fill in the blanks with one of these prepositions: during, except, far from, for, from

- a. All the girls _____ you were at the meeting.
- b. She criticized him _____ being lazy at work.
- c. They had to stand in line _____ tickets.
- d. The teacher erased the answers _____ the blackboard.
- e. That guy slept _____ the whole class.
- f. He discouraged me _____ bringing my car.
- g. The new job is _____ ideal.
- h. He is well known _____ his singing.
- i. My new school is very _____ my home.
- j. I go to school every day _____ Sunday.
- k. I don't usually swim _____ the winter.
- l. I finished everything _____ vacuuming the floors.

II. Expressions with the preposition IN. Read a sentence and explain what it means and when you might use it. Make your own sentence with the underlined phrase.

1. Write up your ideas in detail and I'll look at them.
2. Have a seat, he'll be there in no time.
3. Quick, jump in!
4. The airport was socked in during the snowstorm.
5. I'll cut it in two and we can share.
6. I hope the in-bound traffic won't be too bad.
7. She answered in all caps.
8. My child placed in the top five out of several hundred applicants.
9. My uncle is one in a million. He left me his Cadillac in his will.
10. Spike heels appear to be in again this season. (as in "in fashion")
11. My father is in a rage. I don't think I'll go home right now.
12. He came in a tux, but she was in jeans.
13. These talks should be held in private.
14. He told me in confidence that I would get the promotion.
15. It was embarrassing when I came into their room because they sleep in the nude.
16. He works in insurance, and she is in business for herself.
17. She put her clean clothes on the floor in piles.
18. I have a dollar in change if you need it for the meters.
19. We're planting a tree in memory of our mother.
20. She came here in order to learn English.
21. My little sister is a pain in the neck.
22. In signing the form, you are giving up your right to sue.
23. Your visa application is in process.
24. He is in for a rude awakening if he thinks he will find a job as an actor in L.A.
25. It might rain, but we will have the party in any case. What if it snows? In that case, we'll cancel it.
26. Those people are poor in goods, but rich in spirit.
27. You must break in your hiking boots before you go on the trip.
28. The youngster kept butting in to say he was hungry.
29. The students all chipped in to buy the teacher's lunch.
30. The police are closing in on the thief.
31. If you need someone to bring cookies, count me in.
32. I exercised for two hours and it did me in.
33. Another doctor is filling in for her while she's in Spain.
34. First you have to key in your password.

35. It will be a little chilly until the car warms up and the heater kicks in.
36. Could you squeeze me in this afternoon. I am really sick and need medicine.
37. We got to the airport in the nick of time.
38. My brother's divorce was final and he is back in circulation.
39. Cash in your chips. It's time to go home.
40. He's an American and he's very quiet. That's a contradiction in terms isn't it?

III. Answer these "in" expression questions.

1. Have you ever received a gift in appreciation for your service?
2. Would you ever drop in unannounced at a friend's house?
3. When was the last time you were in tears?
4. Have you ever done something in spite of your teacher or parent telling you not to?
5. Would you walk hand-in-hand with someone of the same sex?
6. What is something you do in deference to your parent's wishes?
7. Who do you walk arm-in-arm with?
8. Is your family in good health or in poor health?
9. Have you ever been in business for yourself?
10. Do you ever pay in cash?
11. Do you like to work in cooperation with others, or do you prefer to work alone?
12. What do you usually buy in large quantities?
13. In what natural resources is your country rich?
14. Have you ever experienced a break in?
15. Do you give in to your wife when she cries? (or Does your husband give in when you cry?)
16. What time do you usually turn in?
17. In your country do women go "in mourning" when a close family member dies?
18. What would you stand in a long line for?
19. What is something you do day in and day out?
20. Do you ever feel like you're "in a rut"? What could you do to get out of the ruts (A long deep track made by the repeated passage of the wheels of vehicles.)?