

Slang expressions and unusual words you might not know:

flatware	expiration date	feedlot	take a lot of flack	from the get-go
grunt	a half bath	hobo	go to the john	way out in left field
lunch meat	mass transit	overpass	nix	ornery

Note to teachers: Some of these sentences today may be difficult to understand for some of your students. Be sure that everyone understands the meaning of the sentence clearly.

Read the sentences and explain what they mean. Use the underlined word in another sentence.

1. When she jumped in, she didn't realize the depth of the pool.
2. Until his outburst, I didn't realize the depth of his hatred.
3. That job doesn't require a specialist. Any number of people could qualify to do it.
4. Plenty of people have been successful at it.
5. To the delight of the children, we decided to stay an extra day at Disney World.
6. I'm ashamed of the way my countrymen behaved.
7. I'm wary of groups of young men when I am walking downtown at night.
8. She was ignorant of the culture and made no attempt to fit in.
9. I'm fond of Tom, but I'm not interested in marriage.
10. All the men are so envious of my husband because of his man cave.
11. People believe her because she is always so sure of herself when she speaks.
12. It was cruel of him to speak about the girl in front of her.
13. It was typical of him to offer to help the poor man.
14. It was so sweet of Aunt Lucy to bake a birthday cake for you.
15. The leaders were people of honor. They could be trusted.
16. The churchgoers were people of faith. They practiced their beliefs.
17. The volunteers were people of good intentions. They just didn't know how to help.
18. That gang is a group of low morals. There is no crime they wouldn't commit.

Use **into**, **like**, **near**, **next to**, and **of** to complete the exercises in this section. In some cases there is more than one answer.

1. Her apartment is _____ mine.
2. I love the taste _____ fresh fruit.
3. I wish you wouldn't always act _____ at parties.
4. It's not _____ him to cause trouble.
5. Our anniversary is _____ a holiday.
6. She loves the music _____ the 90's.
7. The employees _____ that company have great benefits.
8. There is nothing like the excitement _____ a crowd.
9. They are losing money, and soon will go _____ bankruptcy.
10. We were having a lot of fun until you got _____ such a bad mood.

Use **at**, **by**, **for**, **in** or **of** in these sentences.

1. He's the father _____ Alex.
2. I'll see you _____ May.
3. _____ that case, you should lock the doors and turn off the lights.
4. The rates are regulated _____ the central bank.
5. Is this the bus _____ downtown?
6. He was honored _____ his lifetime achievements.

7. The children were frightened _____ the loud bang.
8. He drove _____ a speed well below the limit so as not to attract attention to himself.
9. We aimed _____ completion by summer.
10. I didn't think _____ that.
11. _____ America, most people eat three meals a day.
12. _____ future reference, the boss doesn't like to be interrupted when he is in a meeting.
13. Why didn't I think _____ that?
14. She tries to get _____ without putting in much effort.
15. We stood _____ attention for hours.
16. Jed was _____ hopes of getting some days off this spring.
17. _____ goodness sakes, stop arguing with your mother.
18. _____ those circumstances, it might be better to stay away from public places.

Working with a partner, write a conversation between two people that uses as many of these prepositions as you can. Underline a preposition every time you use it and count the total you have used. Then read your conversation to the group. You can use the same preposition multiple times if you like. But try to use all the prepositions at least once.

of	next to	near	like	into	during	down
instead of	inside	beyond	in back of	from	far from	by