

These sentences use the wrong preposition. Correct them.

1. I'm taking a trip on October.
2. The train leaves at five minutes.
3. The train leaves in five minutes to one.
4. Do you work at Sunday?
5. I'm leaving in the end of this month.
6. I always feel tired at the evening.
7. I'll call you at Thursday.
8. Tom will be here at 3 hours.
9. I'm going to Chicago on next Monday.
10. She was born at last spring.

Many verbs have the structure *verb + preposition (in, for, about) + object*.

Ex: We talked about the problem. She apologized for her child's bad manners.

If the object is another verb, it ends in ING.

EX: We talked about going to the beach. She apologized for breaking the glass.

These verbs frequently have this structure:

succeed in: I have not succeeded in finding a job.

insist on: My brother insisted on walking me home.

think of: I am thinking of buying a house.

think about: I often think about asking her out.

dream of: I dream of seeing my family again.

approve of: Father doesn't approve of drinking alcohol.

feel like: I don't feel like going anywhere tonight.

look forward to: I look forward to going on vacation.

decide against: We decided against moving to London.

The following verbs have the structure: *verb + object + preposition + ing*. Mark the verb, object, preposition and ing word in each sentence.

I congratulated Liz on getting a new job.

They accused me of lying.

The general was suspected of being a spy.

The weather prevented us from enjoying our vacation.

She thanked them for helping with the dishes.

Please forgive me for not returning your call.

Complete each sentence using only one word.

1. Our neighbor apologized for _____ so much noise.
2. I feel so lazy. I don't feel like _____ any work.
3. I wanted to go out alone, but Joe insisted on _____ with me.
4. I'm fed up with my job. I'm thinking of _____ something else.
5. We have decided against _____ a new car.
6. I'm looking forward to _____ from you.

7. The weather was very bad, and it prevented us from _____ out.
8. The man who was arrested is suspected of _____ the fire.
9. I think you should apologize to her for _____ so rude.
10. Some parents don't approve of the children _____ television.
11. I'm sorry I can't come to your party, but thank you for _____ me.
12. I wouldn't think of _____ her your secrets.

Using page 126-127, answer these questions with a partner.

1. How often do you come downtown? What do you usually do downtown?
2. On what street are the mosque and the movie theatre located?
3. On what street is the furniture store? What kind of sale are they having?
4. What's the name of the coffee shop?
5. The mall is on the corner of _____ and _____.
6. The garbage truck is parked in front of what store?
7. The park is next to the _____.
8. The school is behind the _____.
9. The cake store is nearest to _____.
10. The streets that run north to south are all named for trees. What are the names?

Group Discussion (make groups of 3 or 4 students)

1. Austin is a small city compared to cities like New York or Los Angeles. Are you from a small or large city? Which do you prefer? What are some advantages to living in a large city? What are the disadvantages?
2. Would you prefer to live in an old historical city or a new modern one?
3. Would you like to be a member of the city council and help run the city?
4. What are the best tourist sites in your home city? What tourist sites have you visited in the U.S.?
5. Is anyone famous from your home city?
6. What do you enjoy doing in a city at night?

Test yourself:

1. The interstate highway that runs through Austin is called _____.
2. This highway goes south to San _____ and north to Dal _____.
3. The downtown streets that run north and south are named for _____.
4. The downtown streets that run east and west are named for Texas _____.
5. The Arboretum is north/south of town.
6. The name of the river that runs through Austin is the _____.
7. The name of the university in Austin is _____.
8. The Domain is north/south of the city?