

NOTE: We will NOT have class next Monday, Wednesday or Thursday (11-20, 11-22, 11-23)

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Grammar Exercise: PREPOSITIONS

Rules: A verb following a preposition should be in its gerund (ing) form. EX: A pencil is used for writing. I admitted to writing on the wall.

In these sentences, a preposition follows the verb so we have used the ING form.

However, be careful when using "to", because, "to" is used in infinitives. In infinitives, we don't use an ING verb. Look at these two examples:

I admitted **to writing** the letter. I agreed **to write** the letter.

The first sentence uses "writing" because it follows the preposition. The second sentence is an infinitive, so we use "write".

Put the word "work" OR "working" in the blank.

1. She isn't used to _____ on Sundays.
2. She would like to _____ every day.
3. He used to _____ all night.
4. I am opposed to _____ on religious holidays.
5. She is supposed to _____ tomorrow.
6. He admits to _____ with the Nazis.
7. He agrees to _____ with us to clean up the place.
8. We promise to _____ every day this week.
9. They look forward to _____ here.
10. She expects to _____ for at least five years.
11. Have you decided to _____ here?
12. We aren't used to _____ every day.
13. He is excited about _____ here.
14. He hopes to _____ here with me.

Separable or Non-separable Prepositional Phrases : A separable prepositional phrase is one that you can separate. You can put a noun or pronoun in the middle of. it EX: Put **the book** away. He took **his shirt** off. We picked **the kids** up from school.

A non-separable prepositional phrase has to have both parts stay together. EX: My sister looks after my son in the afternoons while I'm at work. We can't say, "My sister looks my son after while I'm at work."

Some prepositional phrases can be **both**. This usually means a slight change in meaning. Look at this example:

EX: "Ella asked about my father."

This sentence means Ella was concerned about the condition of her friend's father. She asks her friend how her father is doing. The answer might be, "He's doing much better," OR "He's not doing well."

You can also say, "Ella asked my father about his condition." Ella is not asking her friend about her father. She is asking her father about himself. The father would then answer "I'm feeling better," or "I'm not much better."

Decide if each sentence must use a separable phrase or a non-separable phrase or can use both. If you can use both, is the meaning the same?

Non-separable	Separable
I have to pick up Jack by 3.	I have to pick Jack up by 3.
Will you please make up your mind.	Will you please make your mind up.
This blouse goes with my skirt.	This blouse goes my skirt with.
Please keep off the grass.	Please keep the grass off.
He takes after his father.	He takes his father after.
The fire burned up the wood.	The fire burned the wood up.
Will you carry out the garbage?	Will you carry the garbage out?
I took along my toddler to cheer up my dad.	I took along my toddler to cheer my dad up.
I cut off the sleeves of his shirt.	I cut the sleeves off of his shirt.
The car ran over the squirrel.	The car ran the squirrel over.
It took my dad a long time to get over her death.	It took my dad a long time to get her over her death.
I looked up the answer in the dictionary.	I looked the answer up in the dictionary.
Dust off the chair before you sit on it.	Dust the chair off before you sit on it.
The new light bulb lit up the closet.	The new light bulb lit the closet up.
Please move over so Ken can sit here.	Please move you over so Ken can sit here.

Non-separable	Separable
They asked for more information.	They asked more information for.
I paid off my debts.	I paid my debts off.
I knocked on the door.	I knocked the door on.
Will he run for mayor?	Will he run mayor for?

Discussion: Answer these questions. Then ask all other members of your group to answer the same question. Note that each question has a prepositional phrase.

1. Do you go over the lesson for this class before we start? How do you study English?
2. If you "get over" something you recover. You can get over a physical ailment or a mental issue. Talk about a problem you have had to get over since you came to the U.S.
3. Who do you spend most of your time caring for? How do you care for them? How do you care for yourself?
4. Talk about one cause that you really care about.
5. Most of you have many friends and family in your home country. Who do you hear from the most frequently? Are you the one who calls or texts or do your friends or family?
6. What is something you have lost recently? Who helped you look for it?
7. Did you ask out your spouse or did he/she ask you out first? Describe your first date.
8. When relatives or friends come to visit you, do you show them around? What would you show them if they came next month? What are the best things to see near where you live now?