



Collocations with Prepositions Exercise 1

Put in the correct preposition(s).

1. She paid for lunch _____ advance, so we don't need to pay now.
2. I went to the wrong house _____ mistake!
3. Please make sure that you're _____ time for the class!
4. I was walking to the station and, _____ chance, I saw the glove I'd lost on the ground.
5. I love eating out in London. _____ instance, one of my favourite restaurants has amazing Japanese food.
6. I think the cat is _____ danger on that high roof.
7. I picked up the laptop and _____ my surprise it fell apart in my hands.
8. I have a lot _____ common with my cousin. We both like many of the same things.
9. If the baby starts to cry, pick her up _____ once.
10. Did you forget your purse _____ purpose so you wouldn't have to pay?
11. It's best to arrive _____ foot, because there is nowhere to park.
12. What do a whale and a dolphin have _____ common?
13. He added salt instead of sugar _____ mistake.
14. What's your favourite thing to do? _____ instance, do you like sport?
15. The book was _____ reach on a high shelf.
16. I want to go to Germany _____ a change. I've never been there.
17. Please let me know _____ advance if you can't come to the meeting.
18. She often goes to school _____ foot.
19. Do you always brush your teeth before bed _____ fail?
20. The little girl broke the toy _____ purpose because she was so angry.
21. Please come _____ once. We have a big problem.
22. She worked very hard and _____ last she managed to pass the exam.
23. We need to be _____ time or my grandmother will start to get anxious.
24. It feels like owning a house is _____ reach. I'll never be able to do it.
25. We thought about it a lot and _____ last we decided to buy a new flat.
26. We watched a film _____ a change. Usually, we read.
27. She was really _____ danger for a few minutes in the rough sea, but luckily a lifeguard saw her.
28. I went to the bookshop and, _____ chance, I found a really interesting book about Switzerland.



29. He walked into the kitchen and _____ his surprise there was food all over the floor.
30. She drinks a litre of water every day _____ fail.



Answers

1. She paid for lunch in advance, so we don't need to pay now.
2. I went to the wrong house by mistake!
3. Please make sure that you're on time for the class!
4. I was walking to the station and, by chance, I saw the glove I'd lost on the ground.
5. I love eating out in London. For instance, one of my favourite restaurants has amazing Japanese food.
6. I think the cat is in danger on that high roof.
7. I picked up the laptop and to my surprise it fell apart in my hands.
8. I have a lot in common with my cousin. We both like many of the same things.
9. If the baby starts to cry, pick her up at once.
10. Did you forget your purse on purpose so you wouldn't have to pay?
11. It's best to arrive on foot, because there is nowhere to park.
12. What do a whale and a dolphin have in common?
13. He added salt instead of sugar by mistake.
14. What's your favourite thing to do? For instance, do you like sport?
15. The book was out of reach on a high shelf.
16. I want to go to Germany for a change. I've never been there.
17. Please let me know in advance if you can't come to the meeting.
18. She often goes to school on foot.
19. Do you always brush your teeth before bed without fail?
20. The little girl broke the toy on purpose because she was so angry.
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