Collocations with Prepositions Exercise 1

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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.
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