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?
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