

Preposition Collocations in OET

Prepositions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have worked in healthcare for 25 years. 2. My procedure is on Thursday next week. 3. Can you attend attend to Mr Smith, please? / attend with 4. She has pain in her elbow. 5. There is a rash on his back. 6. He has a fungal infection between his toes. <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">We use prepositions a lot!</p>
Place & Time
<p>Prepositions get used for time and place.</p> <p>See the extra study document for examples!</p>
General Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are everywhere – and they change sentences: they tell us where, when, how things happen • They can be very simple and very clear – but they can also be a bit confusing • We generally follow prepositions with nouns. One exception: 'to': full infinitive <p>I want to <u>eat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • words with similar meanings have similar prepositions: <p>fear : afraid / scared / frightened / terrified – of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collocations : Prepositions often collocate with adjectives, nouns and verbs • Word forms: When a word changes it often keeps the same preposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am addicted to coffee - I have an addiction to coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different collocations with the same verb can have the same meaning or a different meaning <p>Same:</p> <p>The patient pointed at her bruising</p> <p>The patient pointed to her bruising</p> <p>Different:</p> <p>The doctor shouted to the patient. (tried to get the attention of a patient who was far away)</p> <p>The doctor shouted at the patient. (raised your voice because you are frustrated or angry)</p>

Exercise 1

Choose a noun and fill the gap. Include a preposition collocation for each noun.

Nouns						
habit	awareness	damage	cure	member	advantage	addiction
difficulty	information	fear	decision	sympathy	anxiety	
1) A lot of patients have injections. 2) It can be difficult to makecare for your parents. 3) Mr Smith has aeating high-sugar foods. 4) One of the clearexercise is improved cardiovascular performance. 5) Most people have very little what causes cancer. 6) She is struggling with anmethamphetamines. 7) Children often have athe dark and it is nothing to worry about. 8) I have a lot ofyoung parents who lose sleep. It can be hard. 9) They are close to discovering acancer. 10) You can find a lot of diabetes online. 11) Being a.....can cause some childhood psychological issues but it is usually a good thing. 12) Elderly people often haveactivities such as showering and dressing. 13) Drinking alcohol can causethe liver.						

Noun + preposition

to	for	of	about	with
addiction	argument	preference	argument	argument
change	preference	change	meeting	meeting
advantage	approval	advantage	awareness	difficulty
attitude	cure	approval	confusion	involvement
damage	reason	member	story	sympathy
dedication	recipe	photograph	anxiety	
	sympathy	attitude	panic	
		awareness	information	
		story	decision	
		habit		
		fear		

Exercise 2

Fill the gaps so it makes sense! Choose an adjective + preposition or a noun for each gap. Every question has one of each.

Adjective					
anxious	suggestive	familiar	suitable	angry	
	associated	eligible	responsible		
Noun					
dialysis	side effects	operation	treatment plan		
symptoms	condition	blood sugar levels	prescriptions		

- As you are pregnant, you are free
- Your are pneumonia.
- The over the counter medication you are taking is not your
- These are not usually painkillers.
- I am feeling quite my upcoming
- Mr Smith is the mistakes in his
- Ms Gardener is monitoring her
- Ms Farnham is not how works. Can you explain it to her?

Adjective + preposition

of	for	in	with	about	at
afraid	eligible	interested	associated	angry	excellent
capable	famous	experienced	angry	anxious	surprised
proud	ready	involved	familiar	worried	good
suggestive	responsible	disappointed	satisfied	satisfied	experienced
terrified	good	skilled	surprised	surprised	skilled
	suitable		helpful	nervous	
			disappointed	terrified	
				disappointed	
				excited	

Answers

Exercise 1

- 1) A lot of patients have **anxiety about** injections.
- 2) It can be difficult to make **decisions about** care for your parents.
- 3) Mr Smith has a **habit of** eating high-sugar foods.
- 4) One of the clear **advantages of** exercise is improved cardiovascular performance.
- 5) Most people have very little **awareness of / information about** what causes cancer.
- 6) She is struggling with an **addiction to** methamphetamines.
- 7) Children often have a **fear of** the dark and it is nothing to worry about.
- 8) I have a lot of **sympathy with / for** young parents who lose sleep. It can be hard.
- 9) They are close to discovering a **cure for** cancer.
- 10) You can find a lot of **information about** diabetes online.
- 11) Being a **member of** a large family can cause some childhood psychological issues but it is usually a good thing.
- 12) Elderly people often have **difficulty with** activities such as showering and dressing.
- 13) Drinking alcohol can cause **damage to** the liver.

Exercise 2

1. As you are pregnant, you are **eligible for** free **prescription medication**
2. Your **symptoms** are **suggestive of** pneumonia.
3. The over the counter medication you are taking is not **suitable for** your **condition**.
4. These **side effects** are not usually **associated with** painkillers.
5. I am feeling quite **anxious about** my upcoming **operation**.
6. Mr Smith is **angry about** the mistakes in his **treatment plan**.
7. Ms Gardener is **familiar with / responsible for** monitoring her **blood sugar levels**.
8. Ms Farnham is not **familiar with** how **dialysis** works. Can you explain it to her?