

Preposition Collocations in OET

Prepositions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have workedhealthcare.....25 years. 2. My procedure isThursday next week. 3. She has painher elbow. 4. There is a rash his back. 5. He has a fungal infectionhis toes. 6. Can you attend Mr Smith, please?
General Information
<p>Prepositions are ubiquitous – we use them all the time</p> <p>Commonly we use them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepositions of time: on / at / in • prepositions of place: on / at / in / between / under / over / next to / beside • commonly collocate: regularly go together <p>Words with similar meanings often use the preposition collocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scared / frightened / afraid / terrified of clowns • rely / depend on <p>the same word can have different prepositions</p> <p>sometimes there is no difference/ little difference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient <u>pointed at</u> the painful area • The patient <u>pointed to</u> the painful area <p>sometimes there is a difference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul shouted to his friend. (I am far away and I need to shout to get attention) • Paul shouted at the man who dropped litter. (I am aggressively reprimanding somebody)

Exercise 1

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

Verbs									
think	rely	ask	insist	focus	react	worry	consent	speak	adapt
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My eyesight is blurry. I can't anything. 2. You mustMrs Green taking her medication. 3. Her skinthe new washing powder she is using. 4. Elderly peopleour outreach care program. 5. I think you shouldchanging your diet. 6. We need your mother to consent to / give consent for the procedure. 7. If you need anything while you're here, please just.....help. 8. I'd like tothe doctor please. 9. Switching to insulin injections might take some time to 10. Patients oftentheir symptoms. 									

Useful Verb Collocations

to	at	on	for	about
speaking	pointing	speaking	speaking	thinking
pointing	laughing	working	looking	worrying
adapting	working	agreeing	asking	speaking
consenting	staring	focusing	paying	asking
reacting	smiling	relying	voting	knowing
replying	looking	insisting	waiting	protesting
apologising		voting	protesting	apologising
attending		concentrating	preparing	
		depending	apologising	

Answers

1. I have worked **in** healthcare **for** 25 years.
2. My procedure is **on** Thursday next week.
3. She has pain **in** her elbow.
4. There is a rash **on** his back.
5. He has a fungal infection **between /on** his toes.
6. Can you attend **to** Mr Smith, please?

Exercise 1 - Verbs

1. My eyesight is blurry. I can't **focus on** anything.
2. You must **insist on** Mrs Green taking her medication.
3. Her skin **reacted** badly **to** the new washing powder she is using.
4. Elderly people **rely on** our outreach care program.
5. We need your mother to **consent to** the procedure.
6. If you need anything while you're here, please just **ask for** help.
7. I'd like to **speak to** the doctor please.
8. Switching to insulin injections might take some time to **adapt to**.