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| **EXERCISES for Chapter 26** |

1. Paying attention to the meanings of the prepositions, fill in the blanks with the most appropriate prepositions chosen from those given in brackets. For example:  
      She made a speech \_\_\_\_\_ the future of the school. (about, around)  
      She made a speech about the future of the school.  
  
      **D** comes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **C** and **E** in the alphabet. (between, beyond)  
      **D** comes between **C** and **E** in the alphabet.  
  
1. This train travels from London \_\_\_\_\_\_ Paris. (at, to)  
2. We stood at the back \_\_\_\_\_\_ the theater. (of, on)  
3. She went to Rome \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ France. (versus, via)  
4. The store is open daily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Monday to Friday. (for, from)  
5. I took my hat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the table. (of, off)  
6. He looks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his brother. (despite, like)  
7. The children ran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the school. (of, out of)  
8. He opened the box \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a screwdriver. (at, with)  
9. I will work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ five o'clock. (until, up)  
10. We walked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant. (despite, past)  
11. At three o'clock we reached the top \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the hill. (of, off)  
12. You have delivered all of the papers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this one. (between, but)  
13. The bank is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the school. (opposite, out of)  
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the danger, he decided to climb the mountain. (despite, except)  
15. The treasure was hidden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the earth. (under, up to)  
16. **A** comes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **B** in the alphabet. (before, behind)  
17. I went to work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my umbrella. (out of, without)  
18. When it is heated, water changes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ steam. (in, into)  
19. Nocturnal animals usually sleep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the day. (during, underneath)  
20. The squirrel ran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the wall. (along, among)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a1)   
  
2. Paying attention to the uses of the prepositions **among**, **at**, **beside**, **besides**, **between**, **for**, **in**, **on** and **since**, fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions chosen from those given in brackets. For example:  
      They live \_\_ 359 Southdale Avenue. (at, on)  
      They live at 359 Southdale Avenue.  
  
      The meeting will take place \_\_ Tuesday. (at, on)  
      The meeting will take place on Tuesday.  
  
      We have been traveling \_\_\_ several days. (for, since)  
      We have been traveling for several days.  
  
      She has been working \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock this morning. (for, since)  
      She has been working since six o'clock this morning.  
  
1. He lives \_\_\_\_\_\_ 19 Tower Road. (at, on)  
2. We will be gone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ two days. (for, since)  
3. Tom and his friend will divide the money \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves. (among, between)  
4. They will be returning \_\_\_\_\_\_ November. (in, on)  
5. I have known him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three years. (for, since)  
6. Many foods \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ milk contain calcium. (beside, besides)  
7. I will arrive \_\_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock. (at, in)  
8. He has been gone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Friday. (for, since)  
9. The store is located \_\_\_\_\_\_ North Street. (at, on)  
10. She is leaving \_\_\_\_\_\_ five minutes. (at, in)  
11. Bridget, Leslie and Sarah will discuss the matter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves. (among, between)  
12. I have known her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last year. (for, since)  
13. We expect them \_\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday. (in, on)  
14. The cat was sitting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the stove. (beside, besides)  
15. The play begins \_\_\_\_\_\_ seven thirty. (at, on)  
16. We waited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fifteen minutes. (for, since)  
17. Columbus crossed the Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1492. (at, in)  
18. There are many possibilities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ones I have mentioned. (beside, besides)  
19. She will call us \_\_\_\_\_\_ half an hour. (at, in)  
20. His birthday is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the 8th of January. (in, on)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a2)   
  
3. Fill in the blanks with the missing prepositions. For example:  
      She wants to leave \_\_ once.  
      She wants to leave at once.  
  
      I brought the wrong book \_\_ mistake.  
      I brought the wrong book by mistake.  
  
1. Since the restaurant is usually crowded, it is advisable to make reservations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advance.  
2. Because we have no car, we go everywhere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ foot.  
3. I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breath after running up the long flight of stairs.  
4. We walked out of the room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tiptoe, so as not to disturb the sleeping baby.  
5. Inside your passport, you should write the name of your next \_\_\_\_\_\_ kin.  
6. We made out the report \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ triplicate.  
7. Citrus fruits, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ example oranges and lemons, require a long growing season.  
8. The movie seemed to go on forever, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last it was over.  
9. She is so busy, she always seems to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a hurry.  
10. Many people believe birds are incapable of reasoning, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ fact, some birds are quite intelligent.  
11. Since he is not very trustworthy, I advise you to take what he says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a pinch of salt.  
12. I went to the library, but the book I wanted was out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loan.  
13. To save money, we usually buy flour and rice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bulk.  
14. Since he could offer us no proof, we had to take his story \_\_\_\_\_\_ trust.  
15. She knows hundreds of poems \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart.  
16. Since we cannot find a place to live, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the time being, we are staying at a cheap hotel.  
17. Little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ little, the clouds dispersed and the sun became brighter.  
18. Because of its importance, we studied the report \_\_\_\_\_\_ detail.  
19. All of the clothes sold in this store were made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hand.  
20. At an intersection, pedestrians usually have the right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way.  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a3)   
  
4. For each underlined word or phrase, substitute an idiom containing the preposition indicated in brackets. For example:  
      She came punctually. (on)  
      She came on time.  
  
      His remarks were brief and relevant. (to)  
      His remarks were brief and to the point.  
  
1. Incidentally, I heard that there is a sale at the bookstore. (by)  
2. What do you do as a profession? (for)  
3. The boy left his books at school deliberately. (on)  
4. There is a great deal to be won or lost. (at)  
5. Before long, the ship had cast off and was moving. (under)  
6. The violin strings are not at the correct pitch. (out of)  
7. Her paintings are being exhibited at the library. (on)  
8. The university operates with a very small amount of money. (on)  
9. Occasionally we have a picnic by the river. (in)  
10. There are no job openings in the company now. (at)  
11. We have a large variety of produce available. (on)  
12. I want to speak to you not in front of other people. (in)  
13. Under those circumstances, we should proceed cautiously. (at)  
14. Gradually, we began to unravel the mystery. (by)  
15. At the beginning, it was not obvious what to do. (at)  
16. When looking back over past events, we can see that important changes have taken place. (in)  
17. The two friends sat beside one another. (by)  
18. I could see immediately that something was wrong. (at)  
19. I see her occasionally. (from)  
20. Does the store have any paint brushes available? (in)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a4)   
  
5. Paying attention to the nouns which are usually followed by certain prepositions, fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions chosen from the pairs given in brackets. For example:  
      Do you have any objection \_\_\_ my plan? (on, to)  
      Do you have any objection to my plan?  
  
      She has a good attitude \_\_\_\_\_\_ her job. (of, toward)  
      She has a good attitude toward her job.  
  
1. We played a joke \_\_\_\_\_\_ him. (of, on)  
2. Who else has access \_\_\_\_\_\_ the computer files? (of, to)  
3. I have no recollection \_\_\_\_\_\_ the event. (of, on)  
4. Missing the bus is no excuse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being late. (for, of)  
5. I have confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his ability. (for, in)  
6. That is only one example \_\_\_\_\_\_ what I mean. (in, of)  
7. Pay close attention \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the traffic signals. (for, to)  
8. She takes an active interest \_\_\_\_\_\_ community events. (in, of)  
9. Do you have any proof \_\_\_\_\_\_ that? (of, to)  
10. You should make allowances \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their lack of experience. (for, on)  
11. There is a lack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ information on this subject. (for, of)  
12. The report should shed some light \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the situation. (for, on)  
13. He has a talent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ putting people at ease. (for, with)  
14. I received no reply \_\_\_\_\_ my letter. (on, to)  
15. We soon took command \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the situation. (of, with)  
16. They are constantly finding fault \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other people. (of, with)  
17. I have faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ their good intentions. (in, to)  
18. She has a reputation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ having the ability to deal with any situation. (for, of)  
19. People often make fun \_\_\_\_\_\_ what they do not understand. (of, to)  
20. We will take a survey \_\_\_\_\_\_ the participants. (of, on)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a5)   
  
6. Paying attention to the adjectives which are usually followed by certain prepositions, fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions chosen from the pairs given in brackets. For example:  
      We were curious \_\_\_\_\_ what they were doing. (about, for)  
      We were curious about what they were doing. (about, for)  
  
      The design of most computers is based \_\_ binary arithmetic. (for, on)  
      The design of most computers is based on binary arithmetic.  
  
1. We are ready \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anything. (for, to)  
2. I was anxious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her. (about, to)  
3. Photographic film is sensitive \_\_\_\_\_\_ light. (of, to)  
4. Seals are adapted \_\_\_\_\_\_ life in the water. (at, to)  
5. He is descended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary, Queen of Scots. (from, of)  
6. Cotton is more resistant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fire than nylon is. (for, to)  
7. After the show, the radio station was besieged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ telephone calls. (from, with)  
8. She was praised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her achievements. (for, to)  
9. The public library is accessible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone. (to, with)  
10. Are you familiar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the procedures? (for, with)  
11. They were overjoyed \_\_\_\_\_\_ the news. (at, to)  
12. We are proud \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our accomplishments. (for, of)  
13. I was pleased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the results. (of, with)  
14. Are you aware \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the risks involved? (of, with)  
15. Lack of exercise can be detrimental \_\_\_\_\_\_ one's health. (of, to)  
16. We are satisfied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the arrangement. (for, with)  
17. She is interested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals. (for, in)  
18. He is well qualified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job. (for, to)  
19. Young children are often suspicious \_\_\_\_\_\_ strangers. (of, to)  
20. A knowledge of mathematics is essential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an engineer. (to, with)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a6)   
  
7. Paying attention to the verbs which are usually followed by certain prepositions, fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions chosen from the pairs given in brackets. For example:  
      He likes listening \_\_ music. (on, to)  
      He likes listening to music.  
  
      They cooperated \_\_\_\_ one another. (of, with)  
      They cooperated with one another.  
  
1. Heat and light radiate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sun. (from, of)  
2. Where the event will be held depends \_\_\_\_\_\_ the weather. (of, on)  
3. She loves to quote \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare's plays. (from, to)  
4. You need to concentrate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you are doing. (into, on)  
5. The students protested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the high student fees. (against, from)  
6. A balanced meal consists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vitamins, minerals, proteins and carbohydrates. (of, with)  
7. Twenty people applied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job. (for, with)  
8. She likes to participate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extracurricular activities. (in, with)  
9. He paid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the meal. (for, on)  
10. We do not approve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that type of behavior. (of, in)  
11. He subscribes \_\_\_\_\_\_ four magazines. (of, to)  
12. The dog barked \_\_\_\_\_\_ the mailman. (at, to)  
13. Please refrain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoking. (from, to)  
14. Do you concur \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my conclusions? (for, with)  
15. The problem stems \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lack of proper training. (for, from)  
16. We apologized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our absence. (for, to)  
17. He is engaged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ starting a business. (in, on)  
18. The two children stared \_\_\_\_\_\_ each other. (at, to)  
19. They registered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the course. (for, of)  
20. We rely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city bus service. (on, with)  
[Answers](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#a7)

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| **ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISES for Chapter 26** |

Answers to [Exercise 1](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#1):  
1. to 2. of 3. via 4. from 5. off 6. like 7. out of 8. with 9. until 10. past 11. of 12. but 13. opposite 14. Despite 15. under 16. before 17. without 18. into 19. during 20. along  
  
Answers to [Exercise 2](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#2):  
1. at 2. for 3. between 4. in 5. for 6. besides 7. at 8. since 9. on 10. in 11. among 12. since 13. on 14. beside 15. at 16. for 17. in 18. besides 19. in 20. on  
  
Answers to [Exercise 3](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#3):  
1. in 2. on 3. out of 4. on 5. of 6. in 7. for 8. at 9. in 10. in 11. with 12. on 13. in 14. on 15. by 16. for 17. by 18. in 19. by 20. of  
  
Answers to [Exercise 4](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#4):  
1. By the way, 2. for a living. 3. on purpose. 4. at stake. 5. under way. 6. out of tune. 7. on display 8. on a shoestring. 9. Once in a while 10. at the moment. **or** at present. 11. on hand. 12. in private. 13. At that rate, 14. Bit by bit **or** By degrees **or** Little by little, 15. At first 16. In retrospect, 17. side by side. 18. see at a glance. 19. from time to time. 20. in stock?  
  
Answers to [Exercise 5](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#5):  
1. on 2. to 3. of 4. for 5. in 6. of 7. to 8. in 9. of 10. for 11. of 12. on 13. for 14. to 15. of 16. with 17. in 18. for 19. of 20. of  
  
Answers to [Exercise 6](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#6):  
1. for 2. about 3. to 4. to 5. from 6. to 7. with 8. for 9. to 10. with 11. at 12. of 13. with 14. of 15. to 16. with 17. in 18. for 19. of 20. to  
  
Answers to [Exercise 7](http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/durrus/153/gramex26.html#7):  
1. from 2. on 3. from 4. on 5. against 6. of 7. for 8. in 9. for 10. of 11. to 12. at 13. from 14. with 15. from 16. for 17. in 18. at 19. for 20. on