

WE LOVE PREPOSITIONS

Correct any errors involving prepositions or add when necessary.

Have you heard that Smokin' Joe is going to fight with Big Daddy?

Jane doesn't enjoy attending to university.

I love walking with my dog.

This report will consist in 4 parts.

David suggested to go to the theatre in the evening.

I'll see you a week on Thursday

There are many reasons of Manchester United's poor season.

Poznan is in the west of Warsaw.

We write PTO in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

I have many matters to attend to this week.

I was thinking to go to Scotland this summer.

Have you any objections to this proposal?

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STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show to Student B)

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word 'money'?
- 2) Does money make the world go round?
- 3) Does money talk?
- 4) What would life be like without money?
- 5) How often do you think about money?
- 6) What does the expression, "money doesn't grow on trees" mean? What would life be like if it did?
- 7) Who and why might someone ask, "Do you think I'm made of money" Have you ever asked this?
- 8) How would the world be different if all the money in the world was shared out equally among all people?
- 9) What's the best way of making a lot of money?
- 10) Have you ever raised money for charity?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show to Student A)

- 1) How important is money to you?
- 2) Is money really the root of all evil?
- 3) Can money buy happiness?
- 4) Do you worry about money?
- 5) What's the largest amount of money you've ever had in your wallet/purse?
- 6) Does having a lot of money make someone more attractive?
- 7) Have you ever lost a lot of money?
- 8) How much pocket money should a 13-year-old get?
- 9) Do you ever run out of money?
- 10) Do you agree with the idiom that "a fool and his money are easily parted"?

Money

Coins, notes and banks

1 Put each of the following words or phrases in its correct place in the sentences below.

numismatist
counterfoil
legal tender

standing order
counterfeit

currency
statement

expenditure
bounce

- (a) You can change your _____ at any bank or large hotel.
- (b) She held the note up to the light to make sure it wasn't _____.
- (c) He collects coins and banknotes. He's a _____.
- (d) I always fill in the _____ when I write out a cheque. Otherwise I would lose track of my _____.
- (e) I don't trust him. I'm sure his cheque will _____.
- (f) I pay my rent by _____. It saves me having to write a cheque every month.
- (g) The bank sends me a detailed _____ every month.
- (h) Don't worry. Scottish banknotes are _____ in England too.

Personal spending

2 Instructions as above.

broke
mortgage

quid
I.O.U.

hire purchase
chickenfeed

make ends meet
instalments

- (a) I'm afraid I have no money at all. I'm completely _____.
- (b) She finds London very expensive. She says she can't _____ on less than £100 a week.
- (c) To a multi-millionaire £100 is _____.
- (d) Can you lend me a couple of _____?
- (e) I managed to get a _____ to buy a house. I'll be paying it back for the next 20 years.
- (f) He lent me the money but he didn't trust me completely and asked me to give him an _____.
- (g) I couldn't really afford the car so I got it on _____ and paid monthly _____ until it was finally mine.

3 Use at least five of the words at the top of the above exercise and any you like from Exercise 1 to describe, in a short paragraph, someone's terrible financial situation.

TYPING PRACTICE

What is special about the following sentences?

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs.
Jackdaws love my big sphinx of quartz.



Tip:

Take no more
than 25 minutes
to do this part.

You are going to read an extract from a newspaper article. Choose from the paragraphs A–H the one which fits each gap (27–33). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Give Pennies a Chance

They're derided as worthless, thrown into landfill sites and left to fester behind sofas. Is it time to rehabilitate copper pennies?

A few years ago, when a convention of American lawyers was held in London, the organisers issued delegates with advice about the host country. It was full of all the predictable tourist stuff about tipping, strange food and so on. When it came to dealing with the currency, the delegates were naturally told all about British banknotes and silver coinage, but advised in an aside to 'throw away the lowest denomination coins, those made of the brown metal, copper. They are worthless.'

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Yet if you're not one of the people who spends it as you go, and you want to avoid either philanthropy or saving it for years then counting for days and being ultimately disappointed, the solution to your burdensome stash may have arrived in the form of a new machine just over from the US, the Coin Star.

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Those responsible for the innovation argue that it helps the economy by releasing this small denomination of buried treasure from its captivity in the nation's piggy banks, jam jars and bottom-of-handbag recesses. Apparently the amount of small change waiting to be liberated and do its bit by being spent on consumer goods staggers the imagination.

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Copper coins are irritating when they weigh your pockets or purse down, but they do have monetary value, and I felt that I was putting them to their best possible use. One day, I would have enough to buy something tangible and long lasting — I had a painting in mind — as a permanent memorial to my thrift.

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Keen to make the acquisition sooner rather than later, I even started raiding my wife's purse for pennies, ostensibly as a service — 'You don't want to be lugging all that about' — but really to add to my penny mountain. In idle moments at work, I would attempt to calculate how much I had. It had to be £300, I concluded one July day about five years after beginning the collection. It was time for the big count. It took most of the morning. I ended up with blackened, smelly hands and a grand total of £78.

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The conundrum remains, however, of what people should do with the 8,459 million 1p and 5,102 million 2p coins which, according to the Royal Mint, the body which controls Britain's currency, are out there somewhere, festering in jars and boxes or weighing down the darkest depths of our pockets and handbags.

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Other equally mind-boggling stories abound and it is claimed that after four years in operation, Coin Star is bringing into circulation more than the US Mint issues in a year. And the Coin Star company's market research also uncovered some interesting attitudes to small change. For example, it's not as simple as throwing it in the bin, but if someone finds a penny while sweeping up, they won't bother to bend down and pick it up. It goes out with the rubbish; the number of copper coins in landfill sites is frightening.

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But I can see how the rich, and more so, the famous, might not see things in quite the same light. If you were well known and were observed going to great lengths to count out 37 pence, the seven in 1p pieces, someone would be bound to say, 'Oh, I saw so-and-so in a shop fiddling with his change.' And so in a way you can't win.

A With deft precision, it sorts out your change, tots it up and spits out a shopping voucher in exchange, less a 6.9 per cent handling charge. Leading supermarkets in the UK have been testing it in a few branches and it's been a considerable hit with change-rich, pocket-heavy shoppers who invariably have more in their jars of coins than they think.

B Ultimately though, isn't there an alternative to heaving bags of brown coins into the supermarket? One journalist says the answer is never to allow your change to accumulate. 'I try to use them as I go along by giving shopkeepers the correct money — that's what pennies are for. It's polite and sensible; throwing them away is vulgar and wasteful.'

C Even with such a miserable yield, it still took half an hour and an extremely good-natured counter clerk to deal with it. As you can imagine, my small change fixation was now fixed. My belief in that silly saying 'penny wise, pound rich' had evaporated, and brown coins regained their rightful status as a nuisance, ending up down the backs of sofas.

D Having said that I try to spend coppers as I get them; I'm not that set against a pocket full of change. I can remember when my father's friends used to come round and they'd stand and talk in the garden, all jingling their change in a way that I came to regard as rather grown up.

E Research estimates that 66 per cent of the UK population hoards coins, and that there's about £10.5 billion worth of hoarded change, from pennies to £2 coins, in people's homes across the UK. In the US, where there are now machines in 7,500 supermarkets, one man lugged in a suitcase of change containing \$8,000.

F The tale was reported with amusement on national radio, but it caused me, and I suspect a lot of other people on the quiet, some concern. For the previous year, I had been assiduously collecting one and two penny pieces in a box in my office.

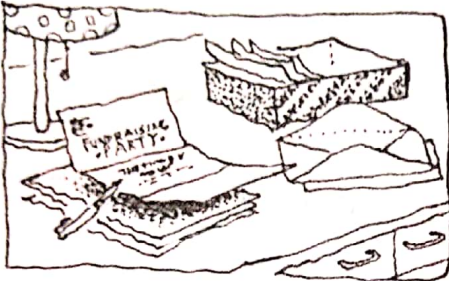
G Putting the most minuscule of small change in charity collecting boxes is one way out, but it does seem a bit cheap, and there's always the worry (for a penny collector at least) that the box is a fake, and that the person responsible is secretly hoarding coppers to pay for exotic holidays, albeit cheap ones.

H Hence I began to display the signs of a minor obsessive: it was a moment of rare satisfaction when the collection became too hefty to lift without real effort; I realised that I was actually pleased when a shop assistant decided to palm me off with a pile of brown fiscal shrapnel for change instead of silver.



Your club/society wants to raise money to buy some new equipment. Look at the options below and decide what the best method to raise the money would be. Discuss them and agree on the best way. For each method think about:

- how much money you would need to start with
- how long it would take
- how easy it would be for you
- how successful it would be.



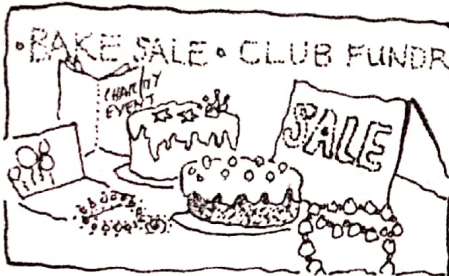
write letters asking for money



busking



sponsored parachute/bungee jump



making and selling something



street collection



washing cars



organise a raffle



organising a concert or party

Where shall we start?

That's a good point.

Don't you think ...?

Tell me what you think about this one.

I'm not sure I agree with you there.

So, have we decided?

3: Rolling in it

All these idiomatic expressions mean *very rich or well off*. Complete the sentences below using the correct form:

- He's rolling in it.
- He's stinking rich.
- He's got money to burn.
- He's worth a fortune.
- He could buy and sell you.
- He makes a good living.
- He lives in the lap of luxury.
- He's very comfortable.
- He's loaded.
- He's not short of a bob or two.



"Money to burn? He could buy and sell the likes of us!"

- My sister's an accountant and her husband's a merchant banker. They must be in it!
- My brother's just got a new job which pays double his old salary. He was well paid before but now he's got money to
- People who don't know Mrs Crabtree think she's just a poor old lady, but in actual fact, she's part of a very rich family. She's probably worth a
- I wouldn't say I was rich. Let's just say I'm not short of
- Look at the car Paul drives and those Armani suits! He must be
- My dad was a bank manager so he's got a good private pension. You couldn't describe my parents as rich, but they're very
- Bob's just got a teaching job in Brunei – big tax-free salary, all expenses paid. He's living in the
- I'm a freelance designer. Work's pretty good at the moment, so I'm lucky to be making quite a
- The old man next door looks like a down-and-out, but he's a millionaire. He could
- A gold Rolls Royce. A yacht in the Bahamas and a villa in Mustique. I think that's the definition of !

4: Revision

Look back at the idioms in this unit and fill in the missing words:

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. living hand mouth | 6. enough to get |
| 2. . . . a penny his name | 7. not very well |
| 3. living the lap luxury | 8. rolling it |
| 4. living the breadline | 9. not short a few bob |
| 5. a bit hard at the moment | 10. . . . the red |

Note: The opposite of *in the red* is *in the black*.

Can you think of three well-known people who've got money to burn? Do you know anyone who lives in the lap of luxury?

Which Preposition?

responsible _____ sth

attend _____ school

enter _____ negotiations

plead _____ sth

dissuade Sb _____ doing sth

cheat Sb _____ doing sth

bite _____ an apple

distinguish sth _____ sth else

stride _____ to Sb

weigh _____ the pros and cons

The price _____ fame

restore a building _____ its former glory

honour sb _____ their work

regard sb _____ your equal

see _____ a matter
urgently

distract Sb _____ doing sth

beat _____ some protesters

take _____ sb (like)

refer _____ an earlier matter

live _____ to expectations

live _____ terrible experiences

fight _____ your rights

a symptom _____ sth

furnish Sb _____ information

wax lyrical _____ sth

put effort _____ sth

settle _____ the bill

heat _____ water to 100 degrees

exclude sb _____ discussions