

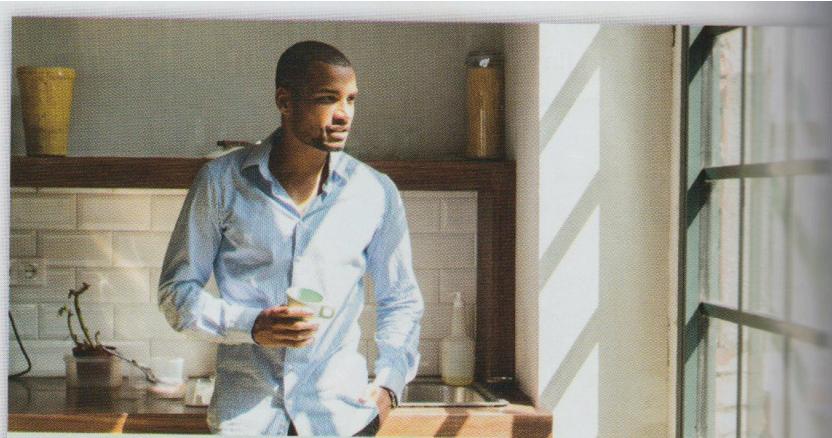
PREPOSITIONS

A. Complete the sentences using a word from the boxes below.

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1. We decided to move to this side of town because it's convenient _____ the airport, so it's useful when we need to fly home.
2. After five years here, I'm more than capable _____ holding a business meeting in the local language.
3. Sorry! I was just so surprised _____ the news that you were leaving the accounts department..
4. Since an early age, I've been obsessed _____ electronics and that's why we moved to Silicon Valley.
5. The thing that I can't get over is just how prejudiced _____ others some workers are.
6. She's really quite anxious _____ leaving the firm. What if she can't find a new position in Edinburgh?
7. After twenty years with us, it's quite clear he's devoted _____ the company.
8. The easiest way to meet people is to become involved _____ lots of different clubs and take part in work events.

B. Read the text below and think of a preposition which best fits each gap.



I used to be really proud (1) my work ethic. I've always been capable (2) working harder than many of my peers and I liked nothing more than to be totally devoted (3) a task. I was a complete workaholic.

Last year I started a new job as an account manager. It was a role I was perfectly suited (4), what with the long hours and competitive culture of the company.

At first things went well. I was quickly promoted and my boss said that he was pleased (5) the progress I was making. But then things went wrong. I lost a big account and everyone was disappointed (6) me. My performance got worse after that and I lost the job.

Without any money coming in, I was anxious (7) losing my flat. The stress pushed me to the edge, and I didn't know what to do. I turned to my family, who were shocked (8) the state I was in. They made me get the help I needed.

I pay a lot more attention to my mental and physical health. I realise that working long hours can lead to burnout and that when things go wrong, I need to be kind (9) myself. I've learned some important lessons and I'm confident (10) not making the same mistakes again.

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