

Exercises

133.1 Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 I'm not going out yet. I'm waiting for the rain to stop.
- 2 Don't ask me for money. I don't have any.
- 3 I've applied for a job at the factory. I don't know if I'll get it.
- 4 I've applied to three colleges. I hope one of them accepts me.
- 5 I've searched everywhere for Joe, but I haven't been able to find him.
- 6 I don't want to talk about what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- 7 I don't want to discuss what happened last night. Let's forget it.
- 8 We had an interesting discussion about the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- 9 We discussed the problem, but we didn't reach a decision.
- 10 I sent her an email. Now I'm waiting for her to reply.
- 11 Ken and Sonia are travelling in Italy. They're in Rome right now, and tomorrow they leave for Venice.
- 12 The roof of the house is in very bad condition. I think we ought to do something about it.
- 13 We waited for Steve for half an hour, but he never came.
- 14 Tomorrow morning I have to catch a plane. I'm leaving my house from the airport at 7.30.

133.2 Put in the correct preposition after **care**. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.

- 1 He's very selfish. He doesn't care about other people.
- 2 Who's going to take care of you when you are old?
- 3 She doesn't care about the exam. She doesn't care whether she passes or fails.
- 4 'Do you like this coat?' 'Not really. I don't care about the colour.'
- 5 Don't worry about the shopping. I'll take care of that.
- 6 He gave up his job to care for his elderly father.
- 7 I want to have a good holiday. I don't care about the cost.
- 8 I want to have a good holiday. I don't care about how much it costs.

133.3 Complete the sentences with **look for** or **look after**. Use the correct form of **look** (looks/looked/looking).

- 1 I looked for my keys, but I couldn't find them anywhere.
- 2 Kate is looking for a job. I hope she finds one soon.
- 3 Who looked after you when you were ill?
- 4 I'm looking for Liz. I need to ask her something. Have you seen her?
- 5 The car park was full, so we had to look for somewhere else to park.
- 6 A babysitter is somebody who looks after other people's children.

133.4 Complete the sentences with these verbs (in the correct form) + a preposition:

apply ask do leave look ~~search~~ talk wait

- 1 Police are searching for the man who escaped from prison.
- 2 Sarah wasn't ready. We had to leave her.
- 3 I think Ben likes his job, but he doesn't like it much.
- 4 When I'd finished my meal, I asked the waiter for the bill.
- 5 Cathy is unemployed. She has applied for several jobs, but she hasn't had any luck.
- 6 If something is wrong, why don't you look for something to it?
- 7 Helen's car is very old, but it's in excellent condition. She looks after it very well.
- 8 Diane is from Boston, but now she lives in Paris. She left Boston for Paris when she was 19.