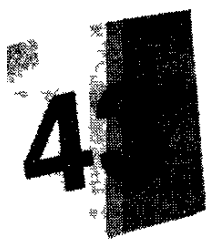


Choose the preposition 5: after, at, in, on

Complete the following sentences using *after*, *at*, *in* or *on*.

- 1 "Who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem?"
"I don't know, sir, but I expect that they will blame it me."
- 2 When the offer of a free trip to Holland was made, John was very quick
..... the mark, and managed to get the first ticket.
- 3 Most people would jump the chance to spend a year in America,
all expenses paid.
- 4 When Robin told me about his quarrel with Batman, I asked him not to
involve me his personal affairs.
- 5 Was the Clifton Suspension Bridge named a man called Clifton
Suspension?
- 6 If trains always leave schedule, why do so many of them arrive
late at the other end?
- 7 The survivors of the *Titanic* were sea for several days before
being rescued.
- 8 My husband brought me some flowers today. He must be
something!
- 9 We were all very excited the prospect of a free trip to Paris.
- 10 Does it matter what a national politician does private as long as
he performs well in his job?
- 11 Susan is disabled but she likes to do things for herself: she hates to be
dependent other people.
- 12 careful consideration, the government has decided not to put up
the price of ice-cream.
- 13 Don't you get annoyed people who push past you without saying
"Excuse me"?
- 14 There's a man over there with binoculars. Do you think he's a birdwatcher, or
is he spying us?
- 15 The public is taking a lot of interest the new courses being
offered by the Open University.
- 16 Please, Father, may I go to the cinema with John tonight? all, I
am twenty-three years old now.
- 17 Professor Jonah Newt is a specialist marine biology.
- 18 When I met my wife, it was love first sight. It was only later that
I had second thoughts.
- 19 "Would you like a drink, officer?"
"Not while I'm duty, sir."
- 20 Professor Newt is absorbed at the moment a study of the feeding



Nouns following “on”

Complete the table on the right by filling in the blanks in the following sentences.

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| 1 The soldiers had orders to shoot the deserter on | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>I</td><td></td><td></td><td>T</td></tr></table> | | I | | | T | | | |
| | I | | | T | | | | | |
| 2 “On no are you to accept lifts from strangers,” said the mother to her young child. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>C</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>T</td></tr></table> | | C | | | | | T | |
| | C | | | | | T | | | |
| 3 We’d all better arrive on tomorrow; otherwise we might miss the train. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td>M</td><td></td></tr></table> | | | M | | | | | |
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| 4 I see Brian’s put his house on Mind you, I don’t think it’ll be very easy to sell. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>A</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | A | | | | | | |
| | A | | | | | | | | |
| 5 The suspect was released from prison on | <table border="1"><tr><td>B</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | B | | | | | | | |
| B | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Your book hasn’t come yet. But it’s on, so it should arrive by Friday. | <table border="1"><tr><td>O</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | O | | | | | | | |
| O | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 “You’re going to go on a long,” said the fortune-teller. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>O</td><td></td><td>R</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | O | | R | | | | |
| | O | | R | | | | | | |
| 8 I’ve put on a lot of weight lately. I think I’d better go on a again. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>T</td></tr></table> | | | | T | | | | |
| | | | T | | | | | | |
| 9 All her friends were busy, so she had to go to the party on her | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td>N</td></tr></table> | | | N | | | | | |
| | | N | | | | | | | |
| 10 Tonight is important. So remember, be on your best | <table border="1"><tr><td>B</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>V</td><td></td><td></td><td>R</td></tr></table> | B | | | | V | | | R |
| B | | | | V | | | R | | |
| 11 Before buying anything, he sent for a sample on | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>P</td><td></td><td>R</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>L</td></tr></table> | | P | | R | | | | L |
| | P | | R | | | | L | | |
| 12 I hate planning things; it’s much more fun to do everything on | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td>P</td><td></td><td>L</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | | P | | L | | | |
| | | P | | L | | | | | |
| 13 I never pay cash; I always buy on | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>R</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | R | | | | | | |
| | R | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Ms Temple isn’t here this week. She’s gone to Japan on | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td>S</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>S</td></tr></table> | | | S | | | | | S |
| | | S | | | | | S | | |
| 15 Don’t write to me between 1 and 16 June, as I shall be on then. | <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>O</td><td></td><td></td><td>D</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | | O | | | D | | | |
| | O | | | D | | | | | |

Word association 2

Each of the words and phrases on the left can be associated with one of the prepositional phrases on the right. Try to match them up correctly.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 He broke the law! | (a) in mourning |
| 2 Don't tell anyone else! | (b) on the agenda |
| 3 Your valuables are safe! | (c) at a moment's notice |
| 4 Everyone wants it! | (d) in the flesh |
| 5 a fugitive | (e) in gaol |
| 6 His wife just died | (f) out of step |
| 7 a satellite | (g) in the lead |
| 8 a personal appearance | (h) between you and me |
| 9 Real Madrid lost again! | (i) out of focus |
| 10 He's winning! | (j) in orbit |
| 11 industrial dispute | (k) under lock and key |
| 12 a board meeting | (l) on the air |
| 13 a radio broadcast | (m) in hiding |
| 14 The picture's blurred! | (n) off form |
| 15 What a rush! | (o) in demand |
| 16 soldiers marching | (p) on strike |

Write your answers here:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Complete the sentences below with one of the following verbs plus a preposition. (Make any changes to verb tenses that may be necessary.)

abide	confine	decide	surround
account	count	grumble	specialise
accuse	cry	insist	taste
book	deal	refrain	translate

- 1 The teacher calling me Ghenghis, even though my real name is Attila.
- 2 Michael trained as a psychiatrist, and he now mental disorders of the very rich.
- 3 I was cheating in the examination, just because I had made a few notes on the back of my hand.
- 4 Scientists are unable to the sudden increase in sunspot activity, although some people believe that aerosols are to blame.
- 5 Footballers used to the referee's decision, but nowadays they are just as likely to punch him in the mouth.
- 6 The hotel's fire regulations have been eighteen languages, thereby ensuring that guests will burn to death while trying to find the version in their own language.
- 7 "My coffee garlic!"
"You're lucky, mine has no taste at all."
- 8 The English the weather, but secretly they don't mind their climate, because they love complaining.
- 9 I was thinking of going to live in Scotland, but when I heard that I would have to wear a kilt, I it.
- 10 If there are any personnel problems in the factory, the boss always asks his deputy to them.
- 11 "Why am I idiots?"
"We don't know, Father."
- 12 They used to say of Errol Flynn that you could him: he would always let you down.
- 13 It's no use spilt milk.
- 14 The kakapo is a rare flightless, nocturnal ground parrot. It is now South Island, New Zealand, which is another reason why most people have never seen one.
- 15 Passengers are kindly requested to smoking in the gangways and in the toilets.