



Lesson 10. Verbs and prepositions

Practice 1

Instructions. Based on [this lesson](#), fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. In one or more sentences, you may not need to use a preposition.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

1. Can you distinguish an American accent _____ a Canadian accent?
2. When you become a doctor, what will you specialize _____?
3. The children are fighting _____ their toys again.
4. Good supervisors don't let their personal feelings interfere _____ who they choose to do the job.
5. Martin Luther King Jr. fought _____ racism in the United States.
6. I congratulate you _____ passing all your courses.
7. This store specializes _____ European food and wine.
8. Married couples sometimes fight _____ money.
9. Not getting enough sleep interferes _____ your ability to think clearly.
10. Can you distinguish _____ Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese?
11. Pedro and Elizabeth are fighting _____ who is going to do the dishes tonight.
12. Carlos is fighting _____ a serious illness.

Answer Key

1. Can you distinguish an American accent **from** a Canadian accent?
2. When you become a doctor, what will you specialize **in**?
3. The children are fighting **over** their toys again.
4. Good supervisors don't let their personal feelings interfere **in** who they choose to do the job.
5. Martin Luther King Jr. fought **against** racism in the United States.
Martin Luther King Jr. fought racism in the United States. (*no preposition*)
6. I congratulate you **on** passing all your courses.
7. This store specializes **in** European food and wine.
8. Married couples sometimes fight **about** money.
(*"Over money" is also possible, but "about" makes more sense.*)
9. Not getting enough sleep interferes **with** your ability to think clearly.
10. Can you distinguish **between** Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese?
11. Pedro and Elizabeth are fighting **about** who is going to do the dishes tonight.
12. Carlos is fighting **against** a serious illness.
Carlos is fighting a serious illness. (*no preposition*)

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