



Lesson 7. Verbs and prepositions

Practice 1

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

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

1. Our company deals _____ software. We must either constantly adapt _____ a quickly changing market or fail.
2. Elizabeth left her lunch at home, so everyone shared their food _____ her.
3. Now that he lives in New York City, Jimmy is having a hard time dealing _____ traffic, noise, and large crowds. It reminds me _____ the time I moved to Chicago. I adapted _____ city life fairly well, so I am sure Jimmy will eventually be all right.
4. The winners were presented _____ medals at the end of the competition.
5. Coffee exports account _____ 59% of this country’s economy.
6. During the trip, we shared the cost of the hotel _____ three people.
7. Inflation presents difficulties _____ people living on small budgets.
8. You do not need to deal _____ your academic difficulties on your own. Let me remind you _____ the many resources available to you.
9. The cashier lost his job because he could not account _____ the money missing from his cash register.
10. When difficulties present themselves _____ resilient people, they always find ways to overcome them.

Answer Key

1. Our company deals **in** software. We must either constantly adapt **to** a quickly changing market or fail. (Also: “deals **with**” but “in” sounds more natural)
2. Elizabeth left her lunch at home, so everyone shared their food **with** her.
3. Now that he lives in New York City, Jimmy is having a hard time dealing **with** traffic, noise, and large crowds. It reminds me **of** the time I moved to Chicago. I adapted **to** city life fairly well, so I am sure Jimmy will eventually be all right.
4. The winners were presented **with** medals at the end of the competition.
5. Coffee exports account **for** 59% of this country’s economy.
6. During the trip, we shared the cost of the hotel **among** three people. (Also: **between** or **with**).
7. Inflation presents difficulties **to** people living on small budgets.
8. You do not need to deal **with** your academic difficulties on your own. Let me remind you **of** the many resources available to you.
9. The cashier lost his job because he could not account **for** the money missing from his cash register.
10. When difficulties present themselves **to** resilient people, they always find ways to overcome them.

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