

As you fill in each blank below with an appropriate preposition, say the entire sentence ALOUD to reinforce the V/A+prep combination in your mind – repeat this speaking exercise several times on your own. Alternative preposition choices in parentheses follow some sentences.

1. A plantain is **similar** _____ a banana.
2. Are they really **married** _____ each other?
3. Are you **accustomed** _____ the humidity here?
4. Are you **addicted** _____ coffee?
5. Are you **angry** _____ me. (also: *at*)
6. Are you **aware** _____ the situation?
7. Are you **familiar** _____ this author?
8. Are you **interested** _____ folk music?
9. Are you **nervous** _____ your job interview?
10. Are you **ready** _____ an adventure?
11. Are you **searching** _____ a soul mate?
12. Be **content** _____ what you have.
13. Be sure to **warn** him _____ the danger. (also: *about*)
14. Children are **dependent** _____ their parents.
15. Congratulations! We're so **happy** _____ you.
16. Could you **help** me _____ these suitcases?
17. **Deprived** _____ water for two days, I became exhausted.
18. Do you **agree** _____ me?
19. Does it **matter** _____ you what I wear?
20. Does this earring **belong** _____ anyone here?
21. Don't **complain** _____ the food.
22. Don't get so **angry** _____ such a small thing! (also: *over, at*)
23. Don't **wait** _____ the bus; let's walk!
24. Everything is **clear** _____ me now.
25. Have you **contributed** money _____ your local library?
26. Have you ever **heard** _____ Paris, Texas? (also: *about*)
27. He **apologized** _____ her for his rudeness.
28. He **arrived** _____ Thailand yesterday.
29. He **complained** _____ me about my cat.
30. He **died** _____ eating tainted meat. (also: *of*)
31. He **excels** _____ swimming. (also: *at*)
32. He prefers to **focus** _____ one task at a time.
33. He seems **sure** _____ the facts. (also: *of*)
34. He **told** the boss _____ the problem. (also: *of*)
35. He was **accused** _____ shoplifting.
36. He was always **faithful** _____ his wife.
37. He was **blamed** _____ causing the accident.

38. He was found **guilty** _____ treason.
39. He's **hungry** _____ new challenges.
40. He's **jealous** _____ his brother's success.
41. He's **kind** _____ strangers.
42. He's **looking** _____ the pretty picture hanging on the wall.
43. He's really **attached** _____ her.
44. He's still **sad** _____ losing his job.
45. Her apartment was **furnished** _____ a bar and stools.
46. His grandmother **took care** _____ him every summer.
47. How could you **discuss** that _____ them?
48. How did you **dispose** _____ your old cell phone?
49. How is your point **relevant** _____ this discussion?
50. How many times have you been **absent** _____ class?
51. I always **dreamed** _____ owning my own business. (also: *about*)
52. I always **replace** sugar _____ honey in that recipe.
53. I **borrowed** \$20 _____ a friend of mine.
54. I can't believe how fast he **recovered** _____ cancer!
55. I don't **care** _____ your past; what matters is now.
56. I **dreamed** _____ my project last night. (also: *of*)
57. I **excused** him _____ being late.
58. I feel I can **confide** _____ you.
59. I **had a talk** _____ my landlord about the rent.
60. I **heard** _____ your new apartment.
61. I **look forward** _____ seeing you.
62. I need to **confer** _____ you today on several issues.
63. I **spoke** _____ the president when he visited our class. (also: *with*)
64. I **talked** _____ my boss about a raise. (also: *with*)
65. I think she's **capable** _____ leading the country.
66. I was **prohibited** _____ entering my old building.
67. I will **rely** _____ my wife to plan the menu.
68. I **wonder** _____ that.
69. I'd like to **respond** _____ your question.
70. I'll **ask** her _____ some help.
71. I'll **introduce** you _____ my family.
72. I'll probably **vote** _____ her.
73. I'll **speak** to him _____ the noise.
74. I'm **concentrating** _____ career-related vocabulary.
75. I'm **curious** _____ the way you did this.
76. I'm **grateful** _____ everything you've done.
77. I'm **grateful** _____ you for helping me.
78. I'm **heading** _____ Soho; want to join me? (also: *to*)
79. I'm not going to **argue** _____ you over money.
80. I'm not **related** _____ him.

81. If you **persist** _____ nagging your sister, you'll be sorry.
82. It's hard to **compare** his style _____ hers. (also: *with*)
83. Kentucky is **famous** _____ its bluegrass.
84. Let me **speak** _____ you about that later. (also: *to*)
85. Let me **explain** _____ you exactly what we have in mind.
86. Let's **collaborate** _____ another team on that project.
87. Let's **hope** _____ good weather.
88. Lincoln is **remembered** _____ several key achievements.
89. Maybe we should **invest** _____ that company's stock.
90. Mingle and be **friendly** _____ everyone. (also: *to*)
91. Most people are **afraid** _____ sharks.
92. My desk is **cluttered** _____ magazines.
93. My essay **compares** his art _____ his life. (also: *to*)
94. My neighbor's dog always **barks** _____ me.
95. My ring is **made** _____ titanium. (also: *from, with*)
96. New Yorkers are **exposed** _____ high noise levels.
97. Nobody **cares** _____ you more deeply than I do. (also: *about*)
98. Nurses **cared** _____ wounded soldiers in the hospital.
99. One more guest was **added** _____ the group.
100. Our company is **engaged** _____ a major lawsuit.
101. Our neighbors are **friendly** _____ us. (also: *with*)
102. Please be **polite** _____ our guests. (also: *with*)
103. Please don't be **annoyed** _____ me. (also: *at*)
104. Please don't **stare** _____ me.
105. **Pray** _____ rain; we need it!
106. Red wine and chocolate are **good** _____ you.
107. Several inmates **escaped** _____ the local jail.
108. She **apologized** _____ her bad manners.
109. She **applied** _____ a position at IBM.
110. She **asked** him _____ his vacation.
111. She **died** _____ old age.
112. She **disagrees** _____ his opinion on that.
113. She **excels** _____ physics. (also: *in*)
114. She **graduated** _____ the University of Virginia.
115. She has **participated** _____ several key projects.
116. She **insists** _____ eating fresh fruit every day.
117. She **invited** me _____ a party.
118. She **invited** me _____ a walk along the beach.
119. She is **crazy** _____ women's basketball. (also: *for*)
120. She is **equal** _____ him in intelligence.
121. She was **convicted** _____ theft.
122. She's **engaged** _____ her high school sweetheart.
123. She's **fond** _____ ice cream.

124. She's already **taken care** _____ the hotel reservations.
125. Some small planes are **equipped** _____ parachutes.
126. Something good **happened** _____ me.
127. Sometimes you have to **fight** _____ what is right.
128. Sorry! I **forgot** _____ your party last Saturday.
129. Success **consists** _____ valuing and delivering excellence. (meaning: *is comprised of* [formal])
130. **Take advantage** _____ New York's vibrant nightlife.
131. Thanks for being so **good** _____ us.
132. That brand name is **associated** _____ jeans.
133. The archers **aimed** their arrows _____ their targets.
134. The boss **objects** _____ your casual behavior in meetings.
135. The candidates **disagree** _____ several issues. (also: *about* [casual])
136. The CEO claimed to be **innocent** _____ wrongdoing.
137. The children **hid** _____ the babysitter.
138. The entire jury was **convinced** _____ his innocence.
139. The experts **scoffed** _____ the president's proposal.
140. The field was **covered** _____ blueberry bushes. (also: *in*)
141. The gum is **stuck** _____ my shoe. (also: *on*)
142. The lecturer **glanced** _____ her watch several times.
143. The mayor is **dedicated** _____ improving the schools.
144. The puppy was **rescued** _____ the burning building.
145. The singer was **dressed** _____ white.
146. The square was **crowded** _____ people.
147. The teacher **excused** us _____ class early.
148. The warm weather seems **connected** _____ global warming. (also: *to*)
149. Their expertise is **limited** _____ residential real estate.
150. They always **argue** _____ money. (also: *over*)
151. They are **confident** _____ my judgment. (also: *about, of*)
152. They **disagree** _____ many things. (also: *on*)
153. They finally **agreed** _____ the terms of our proposal. [formal/business] (also: *on*)
154. They were **responsible** _____ the design change.
155. They're **committed** _____ solving the problem.
156. They're **eager** _____ new challenges at work.
157. They're **thirsty** _____ knowledge.
158. They're **excellent** _____ predicting the weather. (also: *in*)
159. This book is **full** _____ photographs.
160. This candy **consists** _____ chocolate and caramel.
161. Too much of anything is **bad** _____ you.
162. Try to be **patient** _____ your colleagues.
163. Vermont is **known** _____ its beautiful countryside.
164. We **admire** you _____ your decisiveness.
165. We **agreed** _____ the site for the launch. (also: *to* [formal/business])
166. We all **laughed** _____ his comment.

167. We don't **approve** _____ your behavior.
168. We finally **heard** _____ our uncle, who is touring Asia.
169. We **listened** _____ the radio last night.
170. We need to **confer** _____ what to do. (also: *about*)
171. We should **separate** the beer _____ the soda. (also: *and*)
172. We **succeeded** _____ locating his apartment. (also: *at*)
173. We **talked** _____ the stock market.
174. We **thank** you _____ your generosity.
175. We want to **prevent** her _____ hurting herself.
176. We **warned** them _____ the volcano. (also: *of*)
177. We'd like to **compensate** you _____ the damage.
178. We're **concerned** _____ your health.
179. We're **confident** _____ success! (also: *about*)
180. We're **happy** _____ her new career.
181. We're **heading** _____ Spring Street right after class. (also: *for*)
182. We're **departing** _____ New York at 7 p.m. (meaning: *leaving New York*; preposition is optional)
183. We're **departing** New York _____ New Zealand next week. (meaning: *going to New Zealand*)
184. We're **leaving** _____ New Zealand next week. (meaning: *going to, departing for*)
185. We're **sure** _____ the facts. (also: *about*)
186. We're willing to **forgive** them _____ their crimes.
187. What do you get when you **subtract** 9 _____ 25?
188. What do you **know** _____ Beethoven? (also: *of*)
189. Who **paid** _____ my dinner?
190. Why are you **angry** _____ me? (also: *with*)
191. Why are you **upset** _____ me? (also: *at*)
192. Why **argue** _____ such a small thing? (also: *over*)
193. Will you be **applying** _____ Harvard next year?
194. Would you **agree** with me _____ that? (also: *on*)
195. Would you like to **subscribe** _____ a daily newspaper?
196. You can **count** _____ him; he's reliable.
197. You can do it! We **believe** _____ your ability.
198. You can **substitute** honey _____ sugar in that recipe.
199. You can't **protect** your children _____ everything.
200. You're always so **nice** _____ me.
201. You're so **good** _____ young children. (meaning: *talented/skilled at handling*)
202. You're so talented! I'm **envious** _____ you.
203. Your apartment is quite **different** _____ mine.
204. Your country is **blessed** _____ beautiful forests.
205. Your keyboard is not **connected** _____ your computer. (also: *with*)
206. Your parents will be **proud** _____ you.
207. Your tie doesn't **coordinate** _____ your shirt.

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11. Philip waited _____ her at the movie theatre.
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