



Reinforcing the Basics

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

- 1 The two boys decided to patch _____ after their quarrel and become friends again.
- 2 We decided to put _____ the class outing until Jeremy was feeling better.
- 3 Joan takes _____ her mother. They both enjoy doing volunteer work at the homes for the elderly.
- 4 There were three waiters waiting _____ the food reviewer at the restaurant.
- 5 You should abstain _____ fried food when you are under the weather.
- 6 The compere managed to whip _____ the crowd and get them to participate enthusiastically in the event.
- 7 The young girl clammed _____ immediately once she was accused of the theft and refused to explain why she was in the classroom during breaktime.
- 5 James has been craving _____ local food since he returned from his month long trip to Europe.
- 9 The management will not accede _____ her request for a three-day work week.
- 10 She opted _____ a course at the polytechnic instead of studying at a junior college.

- 11 The prices of all the winter clothing will be marked _____ once the winter season is over.
- 12 Her work piled _____ when she was on medical leave last week.
- 13 She expects her supervisor to spell _____ the entire process of the new project before she starts working on it.
- 14 Even though the farmers toil _____ on their farms every day, they are unable to reap a good harvest.
- 15 Only the best participants will remain after the selection process and those who are mediocre will be weeded _____.

Answers:
1 up
2 off
3 after

4 on
5 from
6 up

7 up
8 for
9 to

10 for
11 down
12 up

13 out
14 away
15 out