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C1 PREPOSITIONS ≈ 27 MIN

Complex Preposition Phrases — *practice on paper*

You know formal multi-word prepositions; now reinforce their functions and keep every phrase complete through its final particle.

Choose the phrase by **function** and keep it **through its final particle** : do not drop of, to, or with.

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT TIME AND COMPLIANCE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each complete phrase by function. Prior to marks an earlier time; in accordance with links an action to a requirement.

Prior to signing, legal reviewed the draft.
Prior to dispatch, we checked every crate.
Prior to renewal, we compared providers.
Prior to launch, the team tested backups.
Prior to payment, finance checked the total.
In accordance with policy, we logged access.
In accordance with the plan, testing began.
Records were stored in accordance with policy.
Meals were served in accordance with the plan.
Work proceeded in accordance with the schedule.

TIME	COMPLIANCE

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE WHOLE PHRASE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Insert one complete multi-word preposition. First decide whether you need a topic, consideration, aspect, representation, or addition.

01 Use the singular-regard topic frame: _____ the travel budget, we need one more estimate.
02 _____ current demand, the extra shift is justified.
03 _____ processing speed, option B performs better.
04 _____ the finance team, I accept the revised plan.
05 _____ the contract, we attached a risk summary.
06 _____ your message, the deadline remains Friday.
07 _____ the lower error rate, we retained the tool.
08 _____ annual cost, package C is the best option.

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE MULTI-WORD PREPOSITION · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one error in its multi-word preposition. Rewrite the complete sentence with the full phrase.

01 On behalf the logistics team, I thank you.

02 In view the latest figures, we paused hiring.

03 With regards to the venue, Tuesday is available.

04 In terms the budget, both options are viable.

05 We acted in accordance to the safety policy.

06 In addition of the signed minutes, please send the action list.

BRICK 4 · WRITE A FORMAL MESSAGE · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one formal English sentence for each prompt. Use the requested phrase in full.

01 Frame staffing costs as the considered aspect with in terms of.

02 Speak for a project team with on behalf of.

03 Add a second document with in addition to.

04 Link an action to a policy with in accordance with.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I choose the multi-word preposition by its function.
- ☐ I do not drop final of, to, or with.
- ☐ I keep regard singular in with regard to.
- ☐ I distinguish multi-word phrases from dependent prepositions.

Still unsure? Mark the intended function first, then check the final particle of the complete phrase.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Prior to signing, legal reviewed the draft.
Time: prior to marks the earlier point.

02 Prior to dispatch, we checked every crate.
Time: prior to marks the earlier point.

03 Prior to renewal, we compared providers.
Time: prior to marks the earlier point.

04 Prior to launch, the team tested backups.
Time: prior to marks the earlier point.

05 Prior to payment, finance checked the total.
Time: prior to marks the earlier point.

06 In accordance with policy, we logged access.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

07 In accordance with the plan, testing began.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

08 Records were stored in accordance with policy.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

09 Meals were served in accordance with the plan.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

10 Work proceeded in accordance with the schedule.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Use the singular-regard topic frame: **With regard to** the travel budget, we need one more estimate.
Topic frame: with regard to names the topic.

02 **In view of** current demand, the extra shift is justified.
Consideration: in view of gives the relevant circumstance.

03 **In terms of** processing speed, option B performs better.
Aspect: in terms of selects the measure.

04 **On behalf of** the finance team, I accept the revised plan.
Representation: on behalf of speaks for the group.

05 **In addition to** the contract, we attached a risk summary.
Addition: in addition to adds a document.

06 **With regard to** your message, the deadline remains Friday.
Topic frame: with regard to names the topic.

07 **In view of** the lower error rate, we retained the tool.
Consideration: in view of gives the relevant circumstance.

08 **In terms of** annual cost, package C is the best option.
Aspect: in terms of selects the measure.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 On behalf **of** the logistics team, I thank you.
Complete phrase: on behalf of retains of.

02 In view **of** the latest figures, we paused hiring.
Complete phrase: in view of retains of.

03 With **regard** to the venue, Tuesday is available.
Complete phrase: with regard to uses singular regard.

04 In terms **of** the budget, both options are viable.
Complete phrase: in terms of retains of.

05 We acted in accordance **with** the safety policy.
Complete phrase: in accordance with ends in with.

06 In addition **to** the signed minutes, please send the action list.
Complete phrase: in addition to ends in to.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if the function fits and the multi-word preposition remains complete.

01 **In terms of** staffing costs, the smaller office is more efficient.
Aspect: in terms of frames the comparison.

02 Speaking **on behalf of our delivery unit**, I confirm approval.
Representation: on behalf of speaks for the unit.

03 **In addition to** the minutes, please attach the action list.
Addition: in addition to adds a document.

04 We processed the request **in accordance with** the privacy policy.
Compliance: in accordance with names the requirement.

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