

Advanced uses of prepositions

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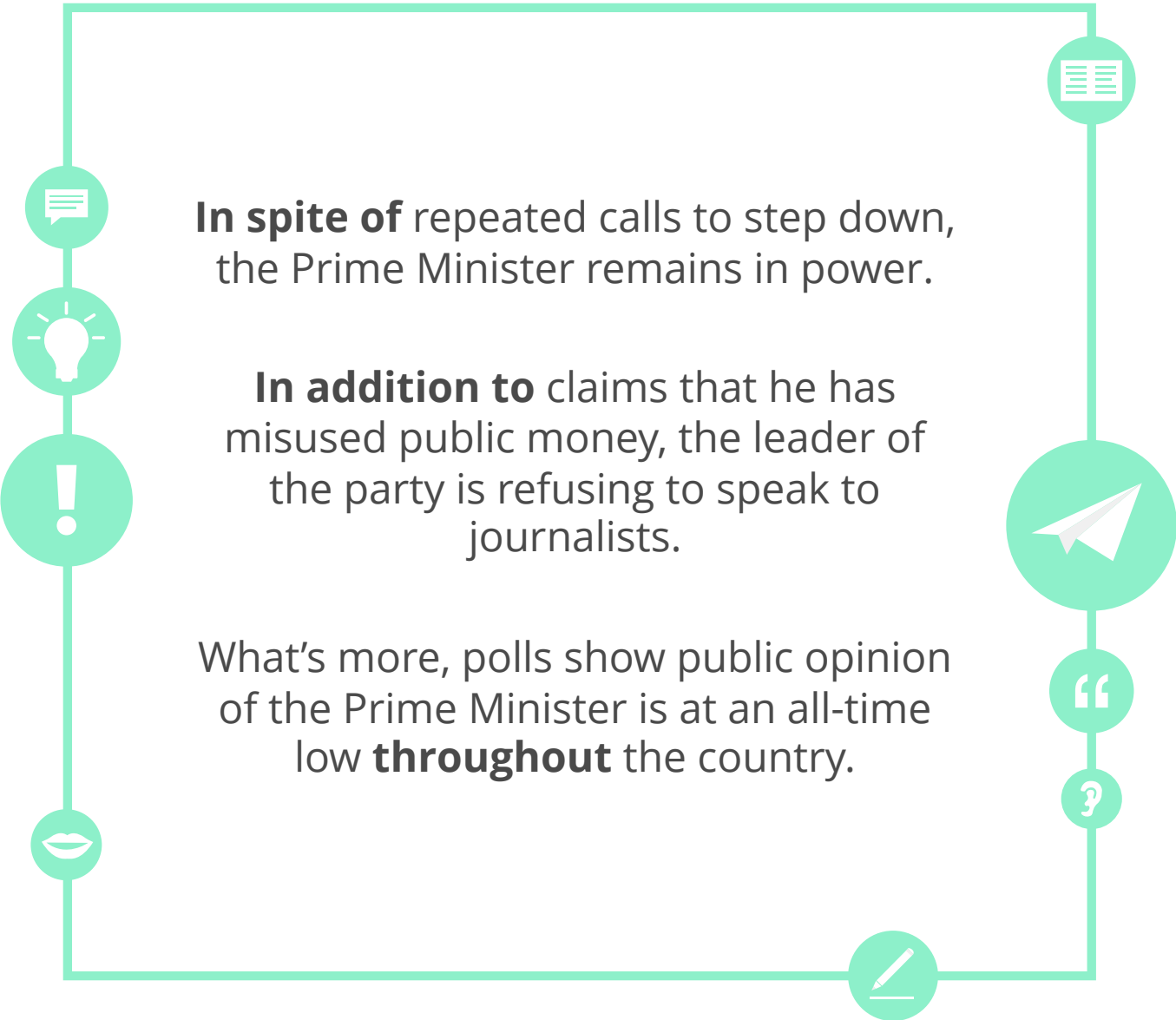




Goals

- Can form sentences using a range of prepositions.
- Can use formal and more advanced prepositions to add, include, exclude or contrast information.





In spite of repeated calls to step down,
the Prime Minister remains in power.

In addition to claims that he has
misused public money, the leader of
the party is refusing to speak to
journalists.

What's more, polls show public opinion
of the Prime Minister is at an all-time
low **throughout** the country.



Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you are going to learn some **more advanced** uses of **prepositions**.



I haven't left the house today, **apart from** going out to buy food!



Advanced uses of prepositions

- We will be looking at the **following phrases** in today's lesson.
- We will also see some more formal prepositions, including: ***throughout, upon, towards*** and ***amongst***.

Adding information	Including or excluding information	Contrasting information
<i>in addition to</i> + -ing form	<i>apart from</i>	<i>in spite of</i>
<i>in addition to</i> + noun phrase	<i>except for</i>	<i>as for</i>



In addition to + -ing form

- When something **extra** or **additional** is **happening**, we use:
 - **in addition to + -ing form**



In addition to being pregnant, she is also running a company.

In addition to having a stressful job, he has a busy social life.





In addition to + noun phrase

- When something **extra** exists or is **important**, we use:
- **in addition to** + noun phrase



In addition to the bank, the shoe shop is also closing down.

In addition to her parents, she also has help from the nanny.





Using *in addition to*

1. In addition to _____, she also works part-time at a restaurant.

- a. studying b. study c. her job d. working

2. In addition to _____, they recently bought a car.

- a. their new house b. buying c. house d. move

3. I play football on Sundays, in addition to _____ every evening.

- a. run b. a run c. running d. exercise

4. In addition to _____ a team, she is also in charge of recruitment.

- a. manage b. lead c. her staff d. managing



Look at the photos of Julie below

Here are two activities that Julie enjoys doing. Form a sentence using *in addition to* which describes Julie's interests.





Here are some more of Julie's interests. Form more sentences!

A



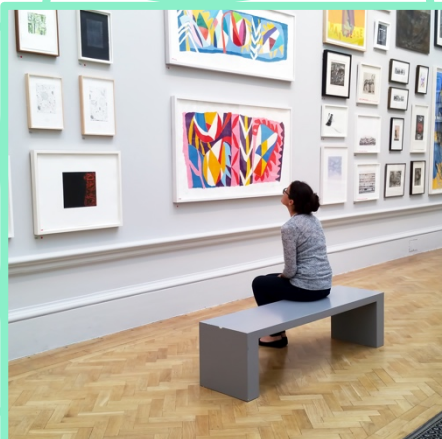
B



C



D





Now make sentences about her partner Bill's interests

A



B



C



D





Apart from

- When we want to **include** a **noun phrase** or **an action** with another, we use **apart from**.
- We often use it with the adverbs **also** or **too**, as shown below:



Apart from English, he **also** speaks German and Portuguese.

Apart from being a great husband, he is a great dad, **too**.





Apart from

- We can also use **apart from** to **exclude** a **noun phrase** or **action** from another.
- Here it means the same as **except**.



I have visited all the big cities in Australia **apart from Adelaide**.

Apart from taking a pottery class, I don't have many hobbies.





Except for

- We also use **except for** to **exclude**.
- It is used in the same way as **apart from**.



The shop is open every day **except for Sunday**.

I don't really use my phone much,
except for listening to music.





Complete the sentences

Use your own ideas to complete the following sentences.

1. I like everything about learning English except for _____.
2. Apart from English, I also speak _____.
3. Apart from learning English for _____ years, I still can't...
4. In addition to learning English, I also _____ today.
5. Except for _____, I don't really enjoy _____.



Writing a personal profile

Use the phrases
you've learnt to
describe each of
these four people.

You can mention
their likes, interests
or responsibilities
at work.

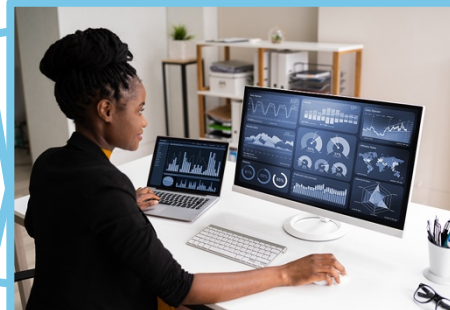
Example:

*Amy likes visiting the
beach apart from
when sand gets
everywhere.*



Ursula

- Likes: sport
- Dislikes: badminton



Lola

- Responsible for: IT
- Not responsible for: HR or hiring



Jamie

- Likes: Italian food
- Dislikes: pizza



Patrick

- Visited: England, Wales, Scotland
- Hasn't visited: Northern Ireland



Now over to you!

Give your opinion on each of the following topics. Use *apart from* and *except for* in your answers.

*I like most food
except for...*



Food and drink



Genres of music

*I listen to
everything apart
from...*



Genres of film



Transport



In spite of

- We use **in spite of** to **contrast** two different things.
- We use it in a **dependent clause**.



In spite of the bad weather, we had a good time.

She came to the party **in spite of being tired.**





Combine the clauses

Match the dependent clause with the correct independent clause to form a complete sentence.

1. In spite of her promotion...

a. ...in spite of me making the booking last week.

2. Ollie and Chris don't get on...

b. ...our product has failed to sell well this year.

3. The restaurant had no record of our reservation...

c. ...in spite of having similar interests.

4. In spite of having a cheaper price...

d. ... she is still paid less than her male colleagues.



As for

- We use **as for** to **focus on** a **noun phrase** or **action**.
- In means **with regard to** or **in the case of**.



I contacted Stacy already. **As for** John, I think we'll wait for him to call us.

As for the money, we'll have to make a decision later.

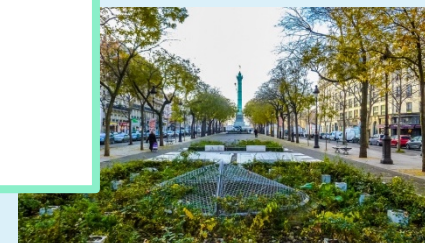




Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with one of the prepositional phrases from the previous pages.

1. _____ me, I'm going to go to bed.
2. _____ from Paris, he also visited Lyon when he was in France.
3. _____ of the bad weather, we had an excellent time on our holiday in the UK.
4. _____ for a few very young children, everyone enjoyed the film a lot.
5. _____ to having three children, she also works full time.





Using advanced prepositions

Answer the questions with your classmates or teacher.



1

Have you ever done anything in spite of being told not to?

2

Apart from your parents, who else was involved in your upbringing?

3

Tell us something you can't do in spite of having practised for hours.



Throughout

- **Throughout** means **over a whole period of time** or **in every part of a place**.
- We commonly use it with **time**, meaning from **beginning** until **end**.



She was asleep **throughout** the film.

Hong Kong is fairly warm **throughout**
the year.





Upon

- **Act upon** is a more **formal** version of **act on**.
- It means to **take action** or **do something** in **response** to something.



I hope you are going to **act upon** my advice.

I don't know if she will **act upon** what he said.





Towards

- **Towards** means in the direction of.



Turn left and head **towards** the supermarket.

How are your feelings **towards** Jane?





Amongst

- Amongst means **between** or **in the middle of**.



The cost of the camping trip will be shared **amongst** the three family.

She was **amongst** the first women to be appointed to the board of directors.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with one of the words below.

throughout

acted upon

amongst

towards

1. If you drive _____ Krakow you will first come to Katowice.
2. For once, she _____ my advice.
3. The baby was so good. She slept _____ the play.
4. Our children were _____ the ones chosen to go on the trip.





Speaking

Answer the questions with your classmates or teacher.



Have you ever acted upon someone's advice and then regretted it?

If you drive away from your city towards the south, where would you end up?

Do you know the name of a woman who was amongst the first to win a Nobel prize?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key 1/2

Activity p. 8

1. a, 2. a, 3. c, 4. d

Activity p. 9, 10 and 11 – suggested answers

In addition to cycling, she also paints.

In addition to reading, she also loves going rock-climbing.

In addition to taking pictures, she enjoys going to museums.

He enjoys fishing in addition to kayaking.

He plays tennis in addition to running a book shop.

Activity p. 16 – suggested answers

1. Ursula likes sport, apart from badminton.

2. Lola is responsible for IT issues, except for laptop repairs.

3. Jamie loves Italian food, apart from pizza.

4. Apart from Northern Ireland, Patrick has visited every country in the UK.

Activity p. 19

1. d, 2. c, 3. a, 4. b



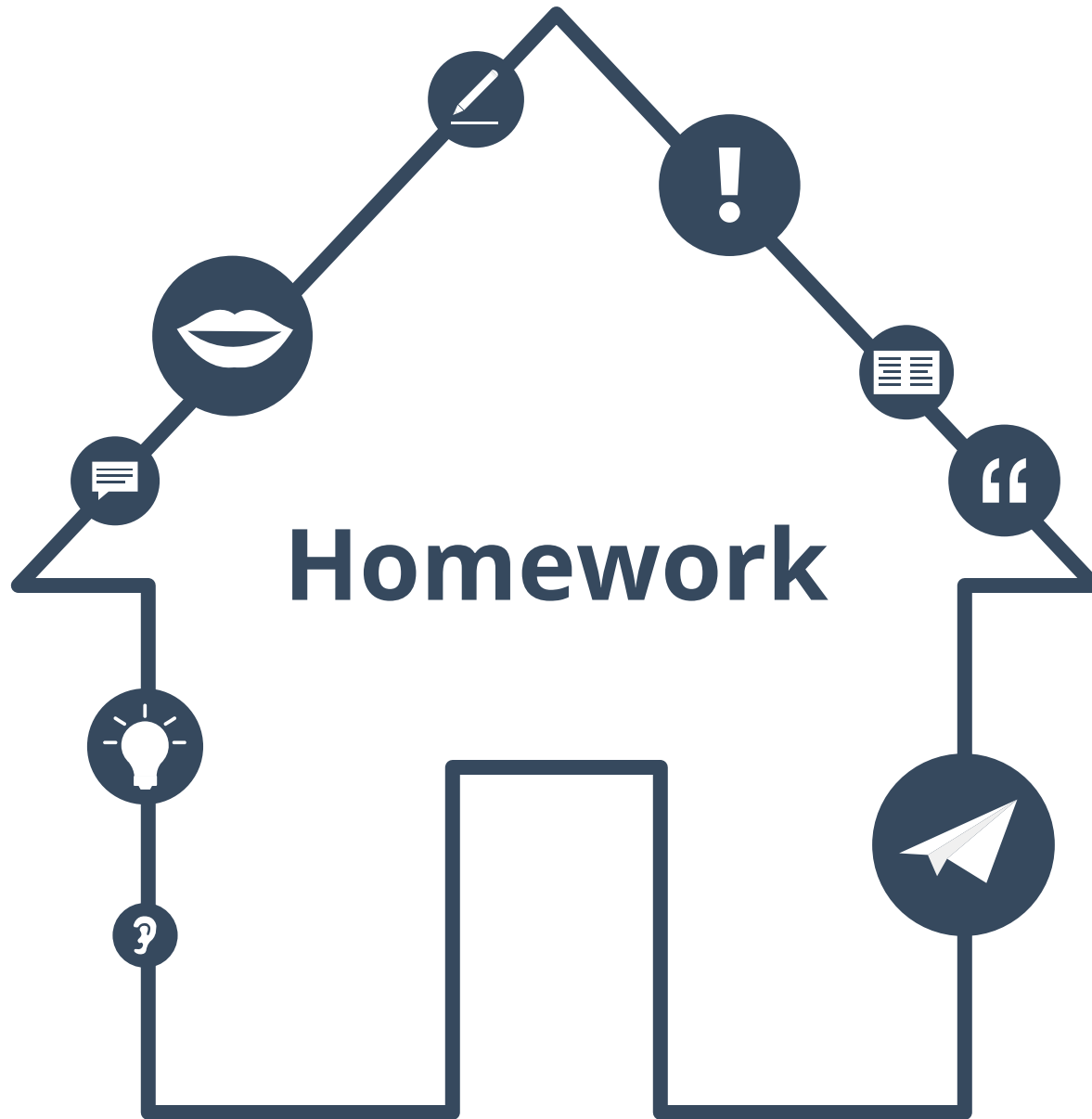
Answer key 2/2

Activity p. 27

1. If you drive **towards** Krakow you will first come to Katowice.
2. For once, she **acted upon** my advice.
3. The baby was so good. She slept **throughout** the play.
4. Our children were **amongst** the ones chosen to go on the trip.

Activity p. 21

1. **As for me**, I'm going to bed.
2. **Apart from** Paris, he also visited Lyon when he was in France.
3. **In spite of** the bad weather, we had an excellent time on our holiday in the UK.
4. **Except** for a few young children, everyone enjoyed the film a lot.
5. **In addition** to having three children, she also works full time.





Fill in the gaps

As we were driving _____ our hotel,
we suddenly realised we were
_____ a large herd of sheep. We
were all terrified _____ for my
husband who grew up on a farm. He pulled
over and we all sat tight, _____
from my husband who got out and started
patting the sheep. When he got back in,
_____ to smelling like wet wool, he
realised he had dropped his phone.

except

in addition

towards

apart

amongst



Homework writing activity

Describe a journey you have taken that went wrong. Use each of the phrases from the lesson in the boxes below.

in addition to

throughout

amongst

except for

apart from

towards



We were driving towards my friend's
house when...





Homework answer key

Activity p. 33

toward, amongst, except, apart, in addition



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