



Quiz topic: Business prepositions

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- b) to
- c) at
- d) on

2. Recent years have seen an increase _____ the number of customers from overseas markets.

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- d) by

3. The telecom sector has been suffering _____ dramatically falling share prices.

- a) to
- b) by
- c) from
- d) of

4. Greenco supermarket has been placing big orders _____ local producers. This means many of their products travel fewer miles and that's good for the environment.

- a) with
- b) to
- c) for
- d) at

5. TGS bank has entered _____ merger negotiations with Northlands bank.

- a) to
- b) in
- c) into
- d) at

6. The business grew _____ 10% last year, making pre-tax profits of \$2bn.

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ANSWERS

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- a) Which preposition follows 'depend' or 'is dependant'?
- b) Which preposition follows 'depend' or 'is dependant'?
- c) Which preposition follows 'depend' or 'is dependant'?
- d) You can say 'BZ pharmaceuticals depends on...' or 'is dependant on...'

2. Recent years have seen an increase _____ the number of customers from overseas markets.

- a) in
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- a) You can say 'there has been an increase or decrease in the number of...'
- b) Which preposition fits in the gap 'increase _____ the number of' or 'decrease _____ the number of'?
- c) Which preposition fits in the gap 'increase _____ the number of' or 'decrease _____ the number of'?
- d) Which preposition fits in the gap 'increase _____ the number of' or 'decrease _____ the number of'?

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- a) Which preposition follows 'suffer'? You can also use suffer + preposition in the context of an illness. For example, 'He suffers from terrible headaches'.
- b) Which preposition follows 'suffer'? You can also use suffer + preposition in the context of an illness. For example, 'He suffers from terrible headaches'.
- c) You can also use 'suffer from' in the context of an illness. For example, 'He suffers from terrible headaches'.
- d) Which preposition follows 'suffer'? You can also use suffer + preposition in the context of an illness. For example, 'He suffers from terrible headaches'.

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a) Another way of saying 'to order something' is 'to place an order with somebody'

b) Another way of saying 'to order something' is 'to place an order _____ somebody' – but which preposition is missing?

c) Another way of saying 'to order something' is 'to place an order _____ somebody' – but which preposition is missing?

d) Another way of saying 'to order something' is 'to place an order _____ somebody' – but which preposition is missing?

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a) We might say 'enter a room or building' but which preposition follows 'enter' in this example?

b) We might say 'enter a room or building' but which preposition follows 'enter' in this example?

c) We might say 'enter a room or building' but in this example we say 'enter *into* negotiations'.

d) We might say 'enter a room or building' but which preposition follows 'enter' in this example?

6. The business grew _____ 10% last year, making pre-tax profits of \$2bn.

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a) If you talk about percentage growth, which preposition follows 'grow' in this example?

b) If you talk about percentage growth, which preposition follows 'grow' in this example?

c) If you talk about percentage growth, which preposition follows 'grow' in this example?

d) If you talk about percentage growth, you can say it grew *by* 10%.

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