

## SPEAKING THEMES for MC1-3 to MC1-5 (HO 5)

### EXPRESSIONS WITH PREPOSITIONS & ADVERBS

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| <b>GROUP A</b>   | 1) | in any case  | on the whole  | from time to time |
|  | 2) | without fail | up to no good | under the weather |
| <i>Talk about a family member, colleague or friend that sometimes doesn't do things in the best way.</i> |    |              |               |                   |
| <i>Compare how well you can do things when you don't feel well.</i>                                      |    |              |               |                   |

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| <b>GROUP B</b>  | 3) | <i>two</i> in a row | <i>two</i> at a time | on holiday(s) |
|   | 4) | in charge of        | on behalf of         | on fire       |
| <i>Talk about an incident that happened while on holidays or at a convention.</i> |    |                     |                      |               |
| <i>A presentation was made to somebody at work and there was a party after.</i>   |    |                     |                      |               |

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| <b>GROUP C</b>  | 5) | What for?       | go on an excursion | go for a walk/drive/swim/ride |
|   | 6) | without a doubt | in a hurry         | from good to bad              |
| <i>Talk about something unusual that happened last weekend.</i> |    |                 |                    |                               |
| <i>You share an embarrassing experience with the others.</i>    |    |                 |                    |                               |

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| <b>GROUP D</b>   | 7) | in a way | at times  | under the impression |
|  | 8) | for sure | under age | from now on          |
| <i>There was a surprise at work the other day and some changes will be made.</i> |    |          |           |                      |
| <i>You were at a bar recently and something happened there.</i>                  |    |          |           |                      |

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| <b>GROUP E</b>   | 9)  | off and on | on and on | out of practice                           |
|  | 10) | in time    | on time   | out of/ in luck<br>in/within/out of reach |
| <i>Talk about a past success or achievement (for example in sports, at work or a personal project) that was difficult to accomplish.</i> |     |            |           |   |
| <i>Talk about dating experiences.</i>  |     |            |           |   |

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| <b>GROUP F</b>   | 11) | out of / in debt | out of / in somebody's way | on / off duty              |
|  | 12) | up to date       | out of date                | by the way<br>by all means |
| <i>Talk about complications, responsibilities, and/or demands at work or school.</i> |     |                  |                            |                            |
| <i>Talk about difficulties of coping with living in modern times.</i>                |     |                  |                            |                            |