

PREPOSITIONS (&ADVERBS) USED IN COMMON EXPRESSIONS --- DEFINITIONS Answer Key

GROUP A rows 1 & 2	from time to time under the weather	in any case up to no good	on the whole without fail
UP TO NO GOOD		do something that is bad or a little naughty	
FROM TIME TO TIME		occasionally	
ON THE WHOLE		in general, generally speaking	
UNDER THE WEATHER		feeling a little sick and/or low in energy; not in one's typical good form	
WITHOUT FAIL		with no exception; very typical behaviour you can predict	
IN ANY CASE		regardless of the situation, there will be one action or thing to consider	

GROUP B rows 3 & 4	two in a row on holiday(s)	in charge (of st) two at a time	on behalf of sb/st on fire
ON HOLIDAY		on vacation	
TWO AT A TIME		done at the same time	
IN CHARGE (OF something)		be responsible for something (like a department) or be responsible for somebody (like a group of children going on an excursion)	
ON FIRE		the object or person is burning OR somebody is doing something very well, rapidly, energetically or successively	
TWO IN A ROW		done in a sequence, one after another	
ON BEHALF OF sb/st		represent another person or group of people, especially when receiving or giving honours as in the Academy Awards	

GROUP C rows 5 & 6	from good to bad in a hurry	go for a walk/drive/swim/ride What for?	go on an excursion/trip for the time being
GO ON AN EXCURSION/TRIP		go for an extended walk, usually in a place surrounded by nature	
GO FOR A WALK/DRIVE		go somewhere for a short time, usually for pleasure or to relax	
FOR THE TIME BEING		presently, but may only be temporarily	
FROM GOOD TO BAD		a situation deteriorated	
IN A HURRY		do something rapidly, perhaps not giving it the time and dedication it deserves	
WHAT FOR?		Why?	

GROUP D rows 7 & 8	at times in a way	for sure under age	from now on under the impression
AT TIMES		on occasions	
UNDER AGE		a minor as in somebody not old enough to do or be permitted something	
FOR SURE		somebody is absolutely certain something happened or will happen in a particular way	
FROM NOW ON		in the future (starting from the present) a situation or an action will be done in that way	
IN A WAY		something is partly but not completely in a particular manner	
UNDER THE IMPRESSION		have the belief or perspective that something was in a certain way	

GROUP E rows 9 & 10	in luck off and on	in reach on and on	in time out of practice	on time
IN REACH		some goal is possible to achieve as a person is tall enough to get an apple in a tree		
OUT OF PRACTICE		not being as familiar or skilled at something as before because is not doing it now		
OFF AND ON		something stops and starts again frequently or intermittently		
ON AND ON		continue for a longer time than other people want		
ON TIME		be punctual; arrive at the prescribed time or shortly before		
IN TIME		arrive punctually or later but in sufficient time to see or do something considered important		
IN LUCK		be fortunate that something exists in the way you want and there was a chance it didn't		

GROUP F rows 11 & 12	by all means on duty	get in somebody's way out of date	in debt up to date	by the way
UP TO DATE		the most current or modern, especially in technology or systems		
OUT OF DATE		obsolete; no longer fashionable or in common use		
GET IN somebody's WAY		enter or be in the path of somebody else.		
BY THE WAY		incidentally; some extra information the person want to pass on to the listener		
BY ALL MEANS		"Of course you can." invite or give someone permission to do something without reservation		
IN DEBT		owe money or favours		
ON DUTY		that time when somebody is officially working, especially for the police or doctors		