

Dependent prepositions jigsaw text

Inside Out Upper Intermediate Unit 2

Instructions for teachers

Cut up and shuffle up one pack of cards per group of two to four students. Ask them to put the text into order by the logic of the story and/ or by looking at the collocations, then give them a un-cut-up copy of the text to check their answers with. Perhaps after doing the exercise below, they can then test each other on the same words by:

- Reading out a word and preposition and seeing if their partner can complete the sentence in some way
- Reading out a word and seeing if their partner can remember the dependent preposition
- Reading out a preposition and seeing if their partner can put a suitable collocation before it

They could then make up similar texts where each transition is a dependent preposition, then give it to another group to put back together, if possible on a similar topic such as life in the UK, stereotypes, cultural differences or host families.

Dependent prepositions exercise

First of all without any help, try to write the correct preposition after each word here:

get used

look forward

dream

worried

insist

approve

ask someone

succeed

belong

Use the mixed answers below the fold to help with task above. Some words can be used more than once.

-----fold, cover or cut-----

Mixed answers

about

about/ of

in

of

on

to

Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

I knew that there were a lot of things I would have to get used
to when I decided to go to England and stay with a family. But I was looking forward
to having egg and bacon for breakfast and tea at five o'clock. I was also dreaming
of the charming English country cottage I would be staying in. I was a bit worried
about the reserved British character. I'd heard that they objected
to talking about anything personal but instead insisted
on talking about the weather all the time. Nor did they approve
of hugging or kissing, apparently. So imagine my surprise when my English family welcomed me with a big hug and then asked me
about my family, my work, and even my boyfriend. They didn't live in the country cottage I'd dreamt
of, and we never had English breakfast or tea at five. But they succeeded
in making me feel at home, and I felt as if I belonged
to the family for the few weeks I was there.

Blank for making your own dependent preposition jigsaws with
