


## Practice

- 1 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the email with prepositions. There is one more place where no preposition is needed.  2.35 Listen and check.

Subject: I'm back!


Hi Charlie

This is just to let you know I'm back from my trip and I'll be in the office on Monday. It was all great, apart from the last part of the journey home. You know, I hadn't bothered to book a Eurostar ticket (0) ..... home from Brussels (1) ..... advance – there are always so many trains, but I really regretted it. I arrived at the station at about six in the evening and then met an old friend (2) ..... chance – I hadn't seen him for years, so of course we had a coffee and chatted for a while. Then I tried to book a ticket at the machine but it was (3) ..... order, so I went to the sales desk. The girl behind the desk told me they had no tickets left for the trains that evening. I couldn't believe that so I asked to speak to the person (4) ..... charge of sales. She told me that it was true, because of problems with flights, but said I might find tickets (5) ..... sale on the Internet. So I went to an Internet café and got a ticket, but it was first class and it was for the last train. (6) ..... the end, I got (7) ..... home at about 3.00 a.m! Next time I go (8) ..... holiday, I'll make sure I book all my tickets before I leave!

- 2 Match the underlined phrases with their meanings A–I.

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| 0 Alice's new hairstyle looks really <u>old-fashioned</u> .     | A in charge of     |
| 1 Sonia made a good impression <u>at first</u> .                | B out of date      |
| 2 Julie didn't do it <u>deliberately</u> .                      | C in the beginning |
| 3 Teresa dismissed her PA <u>in front of everyone</u> .         | D in public        |
| 4 Gina finished the job <u>with days to spare</u> .             | E in the end       |
| 5 Maggie <u>finally</u> threw out the old sofa.                 | F in time          |
| 6 Fiona broke her leg when she was travelling <u>for work</u> . | G on business      |
| 7 Bryony is <u>responsible for</u> about twenty people.         | H on purpose       |
| 8 Jodie reached the coach <u>at exactly the right time</u> .    | I on time          |

- 3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Find six more mistakes with prepositional phrases and correct them.

 2.36 Listen and check.

- TANYA Hi, Cal. How are things?
- CAL Fine, though I seem to spend about eighty hours a week ~~work~~ <sup>at work</sup> these days!
- TANYA Poor you!
- CAL Have you and Ines finished that project you were working on?
- TANYA Yes, we finished it at the end. It took such a long time. We had to finish it by last Friday in the latest, and we sent it on Wednesday. Talking of Ines, have you heard the news?
- CAL No, what news?
- TANYA She's going back to the Spanish office. She says she's leaving London to good.
- CAL No! I know she came here in business at the beginning of her stay, but I thought she loved London. How long has she been here?
- TANYA At last three years – maybe longer.
- CAL So why's she going back?
- TANYA Well, she thinks it's too expensive here, and she misses her family. But it isn't off the question that she might come back for short visits.