8 International trade

- time expressions with *in, on* and *at*
- *ago, last, next, yesterday* and *tomorrow*
- dependent prepositions

Refresh your memory

in
periods
the morning, July, the winter, 2007, the 80s

on
days and dates
Monday, the 17th, New Year's Day

at
times and special times
3pm, breakfast, the weekend, Christmas

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expressions with *last, next, ago, yesterday, tomorrow*

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8.3 Grammar Prepositions

Prepositions of time

1 **With a partner, ask and answer the questions about your country using the appropriate preposition.**

1 When do most people start and finish work?
2 When do students usually do most of their work?
3 When does the New Year begin?
4 When are the school holidays?
5 What other times are popular for holidays?
6 When is the best time for tourists to visit?
7 What time do people usually eat breakfast, lunch and dinner?
8 When is it impolite to telephone people?
9 When are you allowed to make a lot of noise?
10 When are salaries usually paid?
11 How quickly do companies usually pay their bills?
12 When are the sales?

Dependent prepositions

2 **Find the verb in each group that does not have the same dependent preposition as the other three. Write the preposition in the space provided.**

against for from to in of on ~~to~~ with for

1	listen	let	consent	refer	(*to*)
2	comply	sympathise	resort	associate	(_____)
3	pay	wait	vote	object	(_____)
4	depend	rely	insist	attend	(_____)
5	result	invest	borrow	succeed	(_____)
6	suffer	emerge	hear	account	(_____)
7	discuss	apply	look	apologize	(_____)
8	consist	react	approve	think	(_____)
9	listen	belong	leave	relate	(_____)
10	fight	insure	protect	ask	(_____)

Listening for gist

3 2:56–2:65 **Listen to ten short dialogues and use a word from the box to describe what the people are discussing. Be careful to use the right preposition.**

access apologizing aptitude complying damage
dependence hearing insuring investing satisfaction

1 They are discussing _____ _____ property.
2 He is talking about _____ _____ what he said to her.
3 He is lucky that there isn't much _____ _____ his car.
4 They are admiring her _____ _____ languages.
5 They are worrying about their company's _____ _____ one big firm.
6 _____ _____ the American Food and Drug Administration is essential if they want to sell the product in the States.
7 She is explaining the company policy of _____ _____ non-payment.
8 They are expressing their _____ _____ this year's results.
9 They are worried about not _____ _____ Taiwan.
10 There is as system failure, so they don't have _____ _____ data.