

BULATS Speaking Phrases- Prepositions Pairwork

Student A

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About

Can I ask a question **about** the task?
Can you tell me **about** where you are living?
I don't know much **about** this, but...
Is there anything you dislike **about** your work?
I'd like to ask you some questions **about** yourself, if that's okay.
I'd like to speak **about**...
I'm going to talk **about**...
I've never thought **about** that before.
What are the best things **about** your job?
What do you like **about** the area where you live?
What else did I have to speak **about**? Oh yes,...

As

I work **as** a sales rep

At

Are you working **at** the moment?
What is your typical day **at** work like?

Back

I'll check with my boss and get **back** to you in the next couple of days.

By

By the time I am forty, I want to...
I'd like to start **by** asking you some questions to find out about you, if that is okay.
I'll get back to you **by** the end of next week.
What do you mean **by** 'booth'?

For

Do you have any plans or ambitions **for** the future?
Do you travel **for** your work?
I work **for** a trading company called Huppersept.
Now I'd like you to choose a topic and speak about it **for** one minute.
Thanks **for** coming here to see me today
What are your plans **for** your next holiday?

From

Are you **from** round here?

Do you live far **from** here?

I live in Chiba, which is a fairly large city about one hour **from** Tokyo.

In

Are you interested **in** sport?

Do you live **in** a house or a flat?

Good afternoon. Come **in** please and take a seat over here.

How do you picture your career **in** the year 2030?

How important is English **in** your job?

How long do you think you will continue living **in** your present accommodation?

I am based **in** the centre of Tokyo.

I want to continue working **in** the same area, but maybe for a bigger company.

I was born **in** Osaka.

I was brought up **in** Kyushu.

I work **in** the finance department of Mitsui

If you could live **in** any country, where would you choose?

In my honest opinion,...

Is Tokyo the only place you have lived **in**?

My office is **in** Otemachi.

My company specialises **in** products for the elderly.

What do you think you will be doing **in** ten years' time?

What job do you hope to be doing **in** ten years' time?

What kind of accommodation do you live **in**?

What position would you like **in** the future?

What things would you recommend a foreign tourist to do **in** your country?

Ask each other questions from these worksheets and other questions which could obtain similar responses.



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Like

So, I'd like to start by asking you about your present job. What is a typical working day **like**?

What is your hometown **like**?

What is your local area **like**?

Of

I do quite a lot **of** overtime.

I really can't think **of** anything at the moment.

I work in the HR department **of** Mitsui.

I've just thought **of** one more question.

My main duties consist **of**...

That is the end **of** my presentation.

What is the most interesting part **of** your work?

What kind **of** work do you do?

Off

What are you going to do on your next days **off**?

On

I live **on** the seventh floor of an apartment building.

Let's move **on** now and talk about your leisure time and interests.

Moving **on** to the third point,...

What do you usually do **on** your days off?

... and that is all I can think of to say **on** the topic.

Up

I grew **up** in the North of Japan.

I'd like to set **up** my own company.

With

I live **with** my parents.

I agree **with** you.



To

Another thing I wanted **to** ask was...
Do you prefer **to** travel to cities or the countryside?
Have you been **to** any English speaking countries?
I don't have enough time **to** do exercise.
I go **to** a gym twice a week.
I need **to** pass BULATS to get a promotion.
It took me about an hour **to** come here this morning.
I'm afraid nothing is coming **to** mind.
I've never been **to** Africa.
My ambition is **to**...
Pleased **to** meet you.
To answer the second question,....
What do you do **to** keep fit?
What would you like me **to** call you?
Would you like **to** have your boss's job?

No preposition

Are you going to do anything interesting (**no preposition**) this weekend?
Can you give (**no preposition**) me an example?
Have you visited (**no preposition**) many foreign countries?
I'm Alex and I'm your examiner (**no preposition**) today.
I'm seeing some other companies (**no preposition**) this afternoon and I'll make a choice then.
Please call (**no preposition**) me John.
When do you think you will next travel (**no preposition**) overseas?
Would you like you live (**no preposition**) abroad?

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