

# Prepositions

## A Complete the sentences using prepositions from the box.

against among despite except throughout towards unlike within

- 1 He was walking \_\_\_\_\_ me and I couldn't avoid him.
- 2 She failed all her exams, \_\_\_\_\_ working hard and trying her best.
- 3 A member of staff will call you back \_\_\_\_\_ 24 hours.
- 4 We are playing \_\_\_\_\_ the top team in the competition on Saturday.
- 5 I have a good relationship with everyone in my family \_\_\_\_\_ my older sister.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ most young people, she does not own any computer games.
- 7 People \_\_\_\_\_ the country have been affected by the floods.
- 8 I searched for her face \_\_\_\_\_ the crowds.

## B Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences.

- 1 Filming took place in many locations *against / throughout / among* the city.
- 2 I stayed at the party a little longer, *against / unlike / despite* feeling very tired.
- 3 Our balcony faces *towards / within / throughout* the sea.
- 4 The sound was *despite / unlike / against* anything I had ever heard before.
- 5 The news had spread across the internet *throughout / among / within* minutes.
- 6 I knew that I was *throughout / within / among* friends, so I could relax.
- 7 They were careful not to do anything that was *against / despite / unlike* the law.
- 8 She goes for a run every day *unlike / despite / except* Sunday.

## C Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use some of the prepositions from exercises A and B.

- 1 Even though it was raining, they decided to continue with the walk.  
\_\_\_\_\_ the rain, they decided to continue with the walk.
- 2 Apart from Ali, all of the people at the party went to my school.  
All of the people at the party went to my school, \_\_\_\_\_ Ali.
- 3 I'd advise you not to go out alone at night.  
I'd advise you \_\_\_\_\_ going out alone at night.
- 4 As I entered the park, I could see him walking in my direction.  
As I entered the park, I could see him walking \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 5 She is allowed to stay out until late, but her friends are not.  
She is allowed to stay out until late, \_\_\_\_\_ her friends.
- 6 There were photographs on the walls all over the house.  
There were photographs on the walls \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- 7 Tickets went on sale at 8 a.m. and sold out over the next 24 hours.  
Tickets went on sale at 8 a.m. and were sold out \_\_\_\_\_ 24 hours.
- 8 I eventually found the receipt on my desk, in the middle of the piles of paper.  
I eventually found the receipt on my desk, \_\_\_\_\_ the piles of paper.