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EXERCISE -8

Rewrite each of the following, using a suitable prepositional idiom in place of the words in bold print.

We **eagerly accepted** is offer of a lift to town. We **jumped at** his offer of a lift to town.

- 1. He **assumed** an air of indifference when we laughed at him.
- 2. She has to **endure** her employer's ill temper every morning.
- 3. He **expressed himself freely** before the assembly.
- 4. The robber **escaped** with all the jewelry in the house.
- 5. The meeting has been **postponed** to the 8th of July.
- 6. Don't you think that the concert was a success ?
- 7. The two friends have **quarreled** and are not on speaking terms now.
- 8. The scouts were **exhausted** after their climb up the mountain.
- 9. The naughty boys were **confined** after school.
- 10. The governor's wife **distributed** the presents to the orphans.
- 11. The president of the society **excluded** a few items from the agenda.
- 12. The maid **concocted** a story to explain why the dish was burnt.
- 13. She **resembles** her mother in both appearance and character.
- 14. The supervisor usually **overlooks** the mistakes made by the workers.
- 15. The beggar **proved** to be a detective in disguise.
- 16. We are determined to **support** you though you may be in disgrace right now.
- 17. At the fair he **chanced to meet** an old friend.
- 18. I can never **decipher** her writing.
- 19. The police inspector decided to **investigate** the case himself.
- 20. The spendthrift did not think of **saving** a part of his salary **for future needs**.

ANSWERS:

- 1. He **put on** an air of indifference when we laughed at him.
- 2. She has to **put up with** her employer's ill temper every morning.
- 3. He **spoke out** before the assembly.
- 4. The robber **made off** with all the jewelry in the house.
- 5. The meeting has been **put off** to the 8th of July.
- 6. Don't you think that the concert **sell out** ?
- 7. The two friends have **fallen out** and are not on speaking terms now.
- 8. The scouts were **done in** after their climb up the mountain.
- 9. The naughty boys were **kept in** after school.
- 10. The governor's wife gave away the presents to the orphans.
- 11. The president of the society **ruled out** a few items from the agenda.
- 12. The maid **made up** a story to explain why the dish was burnt.
- 13. She takes after her mother in both appearance and character.
- 14. The supervisor usually **passes over** the mistakes made by the workers.
- 15. The beggar **turned out** to be a detective in disguise.
- 16. We are determined to **stand by** you though you may be in disgrace right now.
- 17. At the fair he **came across** an old friend.
- 18. I can never **make out** her writing.
- 19. The police inspector decided to look into the case himself.
- 20. The spendthrift did not think of laying by a part of his salary.