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## **MDCAT SPECIFIC**

### IMPORTANT PHRASAL VERBS AND PREPOSITIONAL NOUN PHRASES

| Annoy | Annoy with/at + somebody | I was annoyed with/at my roommates.    |
|-------|--------------------------|--|
|       | Annoy with + something   | I was annoyed with the excess of work. |

| Analogous to |   | Fight Against   |  |
|--------------|---|---|--|
|              | separation from someone) separation from something)                     | Differ with someone Differ from something   |  |
| Grateful     | Grateful <mark>to +</mark> a person Grateful <mark>for +</mark> benefit | We are grateful <u>to</u> our boss.  We are grateful to our boss <u>for</u> his kindness. |  |
| Angry        | Angry with + person Angry at + situation                                | I was angry <u>with</u> my cousin.  He is angry <u>at</u> my mismanagement.               |  |

- 1. Abide "by the rules"
- 2. Answer "to him for what you've done," "for what you've done."
- 3. Caution "about unsafe conditions,"
- Compare with other products that make the same claims (of same category)
   Ali compared my notebook with his notebook.
- 5. Compare to (to point out differences between objects of different nature.

  Life has been compared to a pilgrimage, to a drama, to a battle.
- 5. Differ "from other species in their diet," "with them about the cause of the company's failure," or "about public policy," "on public policy," or "over public policy."
- 6. Different "from what he was used to,"
- 7. Dissent "against the status quo," "from the majority opinion."
- 8. **Dissimilar** "to her previous sculpture." (*From* is considered incorrect.)
- 9. Equivalent "in amounts," "to the earlier result." (With is not considered standard usage.)
- 10. Excerpt "from their book was reprinted without their permission." (Of is considered incorrect.)
- 11. Forbid "him from attending," "him to attend." (To is considered the more correct of the two choices.)
- 12. **Identical** "with the one she saw yesterday."
- 13. Independent of the group, he protested the plan. CORRECT "Independent from her family," is considered incorrect.)
- 14. **instilled** "instilled a few drops of the solution into the wound," "in him a drive to succeed." (With, as in "Instilled with a drive to succeed," is considered incorrect.)
- 15. Vexed "about her behavior," "at her behavior."

## The correct preposition to use with the following words depends on whether the object is a person or a thing:

- 16. Comment "about her" or "to you about what happened," but "on the issue."
- 17. Impatient "with him," but "about the delay," "at the delay," or "with the delay."
- 18. **Inquired** "of him where he was going" and "after her whereabouts," but "into their progress" or "about the vacant apartment."
- 19. Mastery "over all other competitors," but "of the skill."
- 20. Reconcile "with her friend," but "to the loss of her friend."
- 21. **Succeed** "to the position."

abide by (a decision) look after (a business, a child, a pet) abstain from look into (a matter of interest ) In accordance with look over (a bank statement, a report) accountable for (something) made of (visible ingredients) accountable to (someone) made from (invisible ingredients) agree on (terms) oblivious of or to agree to (a proposal) originate in or with (NOT from) answer to (someone) parallel with or to associate with (someone, something) perpendicular to (NOT with or from) persist <mark>in</mark> aware <mark>of</mark> begin from (a specific point) point at (something) begin with (an initial step or action) point to (a fact) capable of (NOT capable to) prefer one to the other commensurate with (in accordance with) preference for (to have a ...) consistent with (NOT consistent of or to) preoccupied with (NOT of) preside over or at correspond to (similar to) correspond with (communicate with) prevent from (doing something) defend against (direct attack) proceed against (a person) defend from (protect, keep safe) proceed to (the next step or phase) different from (NOT to or than) proceed with (what has already started) discourage from prohibit from (an act) disassociate (oneself) from **put in/into** place divest oneself of reconcile to (a thing, a condition) elaborate on (NOT about) reconcile with (a person) embark on (a ship, a career) reduction in pay (NOT to) enamored of (NOT with) <mark>reference to</mark> (with reference to; NOT in) regard for (a person) endowed with focus on (NOT around) regardless of (what happens) free from (or free of) register in (a course) immune to (a disease) register with (a college) impressed with or by (NOT of) report for (work) indifferent to (NOT from) report on (a situation) indispensable to (someone) report to (the police) indispensable for (a purpose, a condition) research in (a field of specialty) integrate into (incorporate into) research into (a specific subject) integrate with (mix with) responsibility of (had the responsibility of invest in (stocks, business) deciding) invest with (a bank) responsibility for (an action) keep abreast of (NOT with) result from (an event) labor at (work at a task) result in (a consequence, an outcome) labor for (work for someone) revolve around labor under (a burden, disadvantage) secure (to be secure against attack) liable to (dismissal, a fine; NOT for) secure from (to be secure from harm) live off (the land) secure in (to be secure in his job/position) live on (a pension) substitute for

suggest (that he do something: NOT suggest

him to do)

suited to (a purpose, each other)

suited for (a job)

sympathize with (person)

sympathy for (to have)

sympathetic to/toward

take account of

take into account

tend toward (tendency to do something)

tend to do (something)

virtue of (by; or by means of)

view <mark>of</mark> (in view of the circumstances)

view to do something)

wary of (a danger)

withhold (information or something) from

## At

- at any rate: whatever happens or is happening
- at one's disposal: available for one's use
- at fault: causing a problem or accident
- at first: in the beginning
- at last: finally, after some delay (connotes a feeling of exhaustion after a long period of waiting)
- at a loss: unsure of what to do or say; speechless

#### **Behind**

behind the scenes: influencing events secretly; unseen

#### **Beside**

beside the point : irrelevant

#### <u>By</u>

- **by accident**: not on purpose
- by all means: by any possible method
- **by hand**: without the use of machinery
- **by heart**: from memory
- by mistake: accidentally
- by oneself: alone
- by the way: incidentally (used to introduce a new, unrelated topic)

#### <u>For</u>

- for good: permanently
- for a living: as a profession
- for one thing: because of one reason (out of several)
- for sale: intended to be sold
- **for sure**: definitely
- for now/ for the time being: until some other arrangement/decision is made
- for a while: for a period of time

#### **From**

- **from scratch**: from raw ingredients/materials; without anything pre-made
- from time to time: occasionally

#### <u>In</u>

- in advance: before something begins; early
- in any case: whatever happens

- in charge: in command; responsible for
- in common: shared by two or more people
- in danger: likely to be harmed (opposite: out of danger/out of harm's way)
- in a daze: unable to think clearly; confused
- in debt: owing money (opposite: out of debt)
- in demand: wanted by many people
- in the end: after everything is finished (describes a final outcome)
- in fact: in reality; really
- in a hurry: doing something quickly
- in itself: without anything else
- in the long run: in the end; eventually
- in mint condition: perfect; as though brand-new
- in a minute/moment/second: soon; quickly (used to tell how much longer it will be until something happens)
- in no time: very soon; very quickly (used to tell how quickly something happened)
- <u>in season</u>: (fruit or vegetables) ripe and available for sale at that time of year (opposite: out of season)
- in trouble: blamed or punished for doing something wrong; in a difficult situation (opposite: out of trouble)
- in vain: without success
- in the wrong: responsible for an error; guilty

#### **Inside**

• inside out: with the inner side out

Of

of course: certainly; as one would expect; as everyone knows

Off

 off and on: (describes a situation that exists at some times, but not others, over a period of time)

On

- on account of: because of
- on the air: in the process of broadcasting (on radio or television)
- on all fours: (people) on hands and knees; (animals) on all four feet
- on demand: when requested or demanded
- on fire: burning; in flames (not burning as in turning black from staying in the oven too long)
- on hand: available; in stock
- on the lookout: watchful
- on the one hand: (used to introduce the first side of an argument)
- on one's own: alone; without assistance
- on the other hand: alternatively (used with "on the one hand" to introduce a contrasting side of an argument)
- on purpose: deliberately
- on sale: being sold at a reduced price

- on second thought: after thinking further
- on a shoestring: with very little money
- on the spur of the moment: spontaneously; on a sudden impulse
- on time: at the correct time
- on the verge of: very close to (an achievement)

#### Out

- out of the blue: unexpectedly
- out of breath: panting from a shortage of oxygen (usually due to physical exertion)
- out of character: different from a person's known character
- **out of order**: not functioning
- **out of the ordinary**: unusual
- out of practice: unable to do something as well as one once could because of lack of recent practice
- out of the question: not to be considered; not an option
- out of shape: not in top physical condition because of lack of exercise (opposite: in shape)
- out of sight: not able to be seen; hidden (opposite: in sight)
- out of town: not in the city/town where one normally resides (opposite: in town)
- out of tune: (of music/musical instruments) not at the correct pitch (opposite: in tune)
- out of work: unemployed

#### To

to a certain extent: partly

#### **Under**

- under one's breath: in a whisper; not intending to be heard
- under the circumstances: because of the current situation/circumstance
- under control: able to be controlled or influenced (opposites: out of control/out of hand)
- under fire: being shot at; being criticized
- under the impression that: having the idea/belief that
- under the influence of: affected by (usually alcohol or drugs)

#### Up

up in the air: uncertain (with regard to the outcome of a situation)

#### With

- with the naked eye: without the use of a lens
- with regard/respect to: concerning; about
- with a vengeance: more than usual; angrily



## IRREGULAR VERBS

|               | IKKEGULAK | VERBS           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| SIMPLE FORM   | PAST      | PAST PARTICIPLE |
| 1. Beat       | beat      | beaten          |
| 2. Become     | became    | become          |
| 3. Begin      | began     | begun           |
| 4. Bend       | bent      | bent            |
| 5. Bet        | bet       | bet             |
| 6. Bite       | bit       | bitten          |
| 7. Bleed      | bled      | bled            |
| 8. Blow       | blew      | blown           |
| 9. Break      | broke     | broken          |
| 10. Bring     | brought   | brought         |
| 11. Build     | built     | built           |
| 12. Buy       | bought    | bought          |
| 13. Catch     | caught    | caught          |
| 14. Choose    | chose     | chosen          |
| 15. Come      | came      | come            |
| 16. Cost      | cost      | cost            |
| 17. Cut       | cut       | cut             |
| 18. Dig       | dug       | dug             |
| 19. Do        | did       | done            |
| 20. Draw      | drew      | drawn           |
| 21. Drink     | drank     | drunk           |
| 22. Drive     | drove     | driven          |
| 23. Eat       | ate       | eaten           |
| 24. Fall      | fell      | fallen          |
| 25. Feed      | fed       | fed             |
| 26. Feel      | felt      | felt            |
| 27. Fight     | fought    | fought          |
| 28. Find      | found     | found           |
| 29. Fly       | flew      | e e flown       |
| 30. Forget    | forgot    | forgotten       |
| 31. Forgive   | forgave   | forgiven        |
| 32. Freeze    | froze     | frozen          |
| 33. Get       | got       | got/ gotten     |
| 34. Give      | gave      | given           |
| 35. Go        | went      | gone            |
| 36. Hang (up) | hung      | hung            |
| 37. Have      | had       | had             |
| 38. hear      | heard     | heard           |
| 39. Hide      | hid       | hidden          |
| 40. Hit       | hit       | hit             |
|               |           |                 |

| 41. Hold             | held           | held   |
|----------------------|----------------|--------|
| 42. Hurt             | hurt           | hurt   |
| 43. Keep             | kept           | kept   |
| 44. Know             | knew           | known  |
| 45. Lay (v.t)        | laid           | laid   |
| 46. Lead             | led            | led    |
| 47. Leave            | left           | left   |
| 48. Lend             | lent           | lent   |
| 49. Let              | let            | let    |
| 50. Lie (down) (v.i) | lay            | lain   |
| 51. Light            | lit            | lit    |
| 52. Lose             | lost           | lost   |
| 53. Make             | made           | made   |
| 54. Mean             | meant          | meant  |
| 55. Meet             | met            | met    |
| 56. Pay              | paid           | paid   |
| 57. Put              | put            | put    |
| 58. Quit             | quit           | quit   |
| 59. Read             | read           | read   |
| 60. Ride             | rode           | ridden |
| 61. Ring             | rang           | rung   |
| 62. Rise             | rose           | risen  |
| 63. Run              | ran            | run    |
| 64. Say              | said           | said   |
| 65. See              | saw            | seen   |
| 66. Sell             | sold           | sold   |
| 67. Send             | sent           | sent   |
| 68. Set              | set            | set    |
| 69. Shake            | shook          | shaken |
| 70. Shine            | shone          | shone  |
| 71. Shoot            | shot           | shot   |
| 72. Shrink           | shrank u wahee | shrunk |
| 73. Shut             | Silut          | shut   |
| 74. Sing             | sang           | sung   |
| 75. Sink             | sank           | sunk   |
| 76. Sit              | sat            | sat    |
| 77. Sleep            | slept          | slept  |
| 78. Slide            | slid           | slid   |
| 79. Speak            | spoke          | spoken |
| 80. Spend            | spent          | spent  |
| 81. Spin             | spun           | spun   |
| 82. Stand            | stood          | stood  |

| 83. Steal      | stole       | stolen     |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 84. Stick      | stuck       | stuck      |
| 85. Sting      | stung       | stung      |
| 86. Swear      | swore       | sworn      |
| 87. Sweep      | swept       | swept      |
| 88. Swim       | swam        | swum       |
| 89. Swing      | swang/swung | swung      |
| 90. Teach      | taught      | taught     |
| 91. Tear       | tore        | torn       |
| 92. Tell       | told        | told       |
| 93. Think      | thought     | thought    |
| 94. Throw      | threw       | thrown     |
| 95. Understand | understood  | understood |
| 96. Wake       | woke        | woken      |
| 97. Wear       | wore        | worn       |
| 98. Win        | won         | won        |
| 99. Wind       | wound       | wound      |
| 100. Write     | wrote       | written    |
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