B1 fixed phrases, dependent prepositions and collocations

Fixed phrases

as a result - She studied hard, and as a result, she passed.
at the moment - I can't talk right now because I'm busy at the moment.
at the same time - He was giving his presentation and answering emails at the same time.
be keen on - She's really keen on learning to play the drums.
be looking forward to - I am looking forward to seeing you at the party tomorrow.
by mistake - I deleted the important email by mistake. It was an accident.
by the way - I saw your sister yesterday, by the way.
do your best - Even if it's difficult, always try to do your best.
go on holiday - They are going on holiday to the beach next week.
in a hurry - I'm sorry, I can't talk right now. I'm in a hurry to catch my train.
in case - Take an umbrella in case it rains.
in front of - He stood in front of the mirror, practising his speech.
in general - In general, people are kind.
in my opinion - In my opinion, the film was really interesting.
it depends on - Whether we go to the park or the museum depends on the weather.
learn something by heart - She learned the poem by heart.
meet someone in person - I finally got to meet my online friend in person.
on purpose - I didn't break the vase on purpose. It was an accident.
stay at home - I usually prefer to stay at home and read a good book.
take part in a competition - She decided to take part in the singing competition.
be fond of - I am fond of animals, especially cats.

Dependent prepositions

apologise for - I want to apologise for being late to the meeting.
borrow something from someone - Can you borrow a pen from Harry?
complain about - She likes to complain about the traffic every morning.
curious about - I'm curious about different cultures around the world.
excited about - I am excited about the concert.
fascinated by - He is fascinated by space.
famous for - Paris is famous for the Eiffel Tower.
frightened of - I'm frightened of spiders.
good / bad at - She is good at playing the piano but bad at playing the guitar.
hear of / about - Have you heard of the new film that just came out?
interested in - I'm interested in learning new languages.
lend something to someone – Mike lent his umbrella to Sarah because it was raining.
pleased with - She was pleased with the results of her project.
proud of - I am proud of my sister for graduating.
worried about - I am worried about the exam.

Collocations

catch the bus - I need to hurry to the bus stop to catch the bus to work.
cause problems - Talking loudly during the film can cause problems for others.
do exercise - It's important to do exercise regularly for a healthy lifestyle.
go swimming - On hot days, I love to go swimming at the pool.
join a club - She decided to join a photography club to meet people.
keep fit - To be healthy, it's important to keep fit.
make a decision - He finally made a decision about his future career.
make mistakes - It's okay to make mistakes. That's how we learn.
pass an exam – Because she studied, she was able to pass the difficult exam.
take a break - After hours of work, it's important to take a break and relax.
take notes - During the class, it's good to take notes to remember important points.

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