



Answers

1. b) after
2. d) for
3. a) to
4. c) at
5. a) at
6. c) to
7. d) at
8. b) to
9. c) from
10. b) of
11. a) about
12. d) about
13. a) for
14. b) to
15. c) about
16. d) for
17. a) to
18. b) of
19. c) about
20. d) to



Explanations

1. “after” (b)

'Look after' means to take care of someone. Compare: 'look at' (direct your eyes), 'look for' (search), 'look after' (care for).

2. “for” (d)

'Look for' means to search for something. The context 'all morning' suggests an ongoing search, so 'for' is the correct preposition.

3. “to” (a)

'Look forward to' means to feel excited about something that is going to happen. Note: 'to' is a preposition here, so it is followed by a noun or -ing form (look forward to seeing you).

4. “at” (c)

'Look at' means to direct your eyes towards something and see it. The speaker is telling someone to see the painting.

5. “at” (a)

'Shout at someone' means to shout in an angry way. The phrase 'in anger' confirms the hostile intent. Compare: 'shout to someone' means to shout so they can hear you (no anger).

6. “to” (c)

'Shout to someone' means to shout in order to communicate, especially over a distance. There is no anger — he is trying to warn his friend. Compare: 'shout at' (angry).

7. “at” (d)

'Throw something at' means to throw with the intention of hitting a target, often aggressively. Compare: 'throw to someone' means to pass something for them to catch.

8. “to” (b)

'Throw something to someone' means to pass it for them to catch. This is a friendly action during a game. Compare: 'throw at' (aim to hit, often aggressively).

9. “from” (c)

'Hear from someone' means to receive communication (a call, letter, message) from them. 'Since last Christmas' suggests the speaker is waiting for contact.

10. “of” (b)

'Hear of something' means to know that it exists. 'I've never heard of it' means 'I didn't know it existed'. Compare: 'hear about' (learn the details/news about something).

11. “about” (a)

'Hear about something' means to receive news or information about a specific event. Compare: 'hear of' (know something exists) vs 'hear about' (know the details of what happened).

12. “about” (d)

'Care about something' means to think something is important or to be concerned about it. Compare: 'care for someone' means to look after them (e.g. a nurse cares for patients).

13. “for” (a)

'Care for someone' means to look after or provide medical/personal attention to them. Compare: 'care about something' means to consider it important.

14. “to” (b)

'Talk to someone' means to have a conversation with a person. Note: the sentence already uses 'about' for the topic, so the blank needs the preposition for the person — 'talk to'.

15. “about” (c)

'Talk about something' means to discuss a topic. 'Their holiday' is the topic of conversation, so 'about' is correct.

16. “for” (d)

'Apply for' a job or position means to formally request it. Compare: 'apply to' a company or institution means to submit your application to that organisation.

17. “to” (a)

'Apply to' an institution means to send your application to that organisation. Compare: 'apply for a position' (request a specific role) vs 'apply to a university' (target an institution).

18. “of” (b)

'Remind someone of something' means to make someone think of something from the past. The song triggers a memory of childhood.

19. “about” (c)

'Remind someone about something' means to tell someone so they don't forget. Compare: 'remind someone of something' (trigger a memory, involuntary) vs 'remind someone about something' (tell them not to forget, intentional).

20. “to” (d)

'Write to someone' means to send a letter or message to a person. Compare: 'write about something' means to write on a particular topic.