



WORKBOOK 07 LESSON 02

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITIONS: TO, ABOUT, ON, IN, OVER, FROM, OF:

I live **in** a very small town. There are only three main streets, so it's very difficult to get lost **in** this little town. My house is **on** Pine Street and it's only three blocks **from** the store. If I go south I will soon see the school **on** the other side **of** the street, and if I go north, I will find the church.

It's nice to live **in** a small town, but it's also boring, because there is never anything different when you open the window **in** the morning. So if I want to go **to** the park, all I have to do is cross the street and walk 100 meters. If I decide to go out **on** the weekend, either I go **to** the movies, or **to** the club or **to** a friend's house, or I stay home and watch **on** TV all I could be doing if I lived **in** a big city. But there are a few things I love **about** this little town: I know everyone, and everyone knows me.

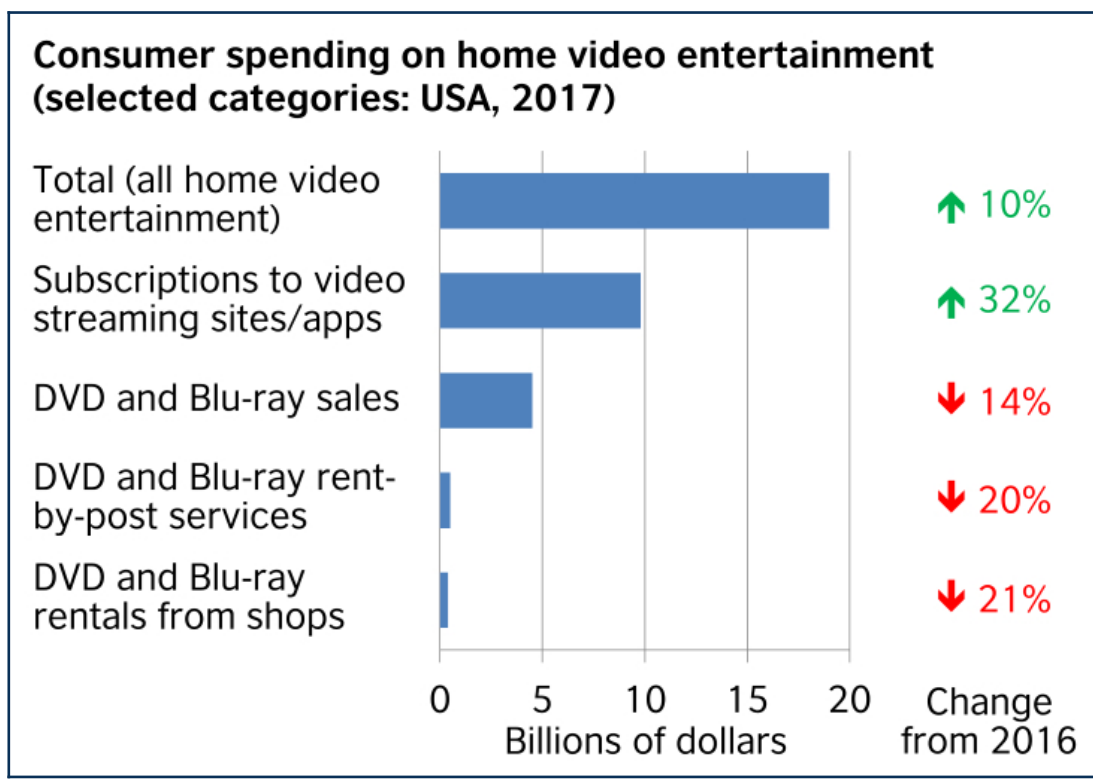
When I open my window **in** the morning, I can hear birds singing, I hardly ever hear cars. There are only houses **in** my little town, so everyone has gardens and animals. Most people walk **to** work, so I meet them **on** my way **to** school. The air seems so fresh and clean, and you only see smoke **in** winter when people have their fireplaces **on**. When I need groceries I go **to** Mr. Anderson's store, when I need notebooks, I go **to** Mrs. Baker's shop and so **on**. My math teacher is my neighbor, so when I need help, I call her **over** the fence and we talk **in** the backyard. Her son William is my best friend and we usually go **to** the movies when there is a new film **in** town.

If I lived **in** a big city, and I wanted to go **to** the movies, I would have to take a bus, that makes smoke, that makes the birds sick, that goes away and doesn't sing anymore, that makes the noise **of** cars seem stronger, that hurts my ears, that doesn't let me sleep, that makes me get up late and **in** a bad mood, that makes me nervous, and gives me a stomachache, that doesn't allow me to have breakfast, that makes me hungry **in** the middle **of** my class, that doesn't let me learn, that makes me have to study **on** the weekend, that doesn't leave me any time to take the bus to go **to** the movies and see a film **about** a small town that only has three streets...

LISTEN TO THE FIRST AUDIO FROM THIS LESSON AND TRANSCRIBE THE SENTENCES:

WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PORTABLE TELEVISION FOR?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK SO MUCH FOR SUCH AN EASY RESEARCH.
THE RAIL OF THE STAIRS IS NEEDING TO BE CLEANED.
THE INDIANS DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING NAKED.

COMPOSITION: MAKE A TEXT EXPLAINING THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BAR CHART BELOW:



Please note: This activity was designed for writing practice only. Information in the chart may not be accurate.

Tips

- In the first paragraph, give basic details about the chart including what it shows, where it refers to and when.
- When you describe chart data, be specific. Mention the category and figure, e.g. Online video streaming was the most popular format in 2017. US consumers spent \$9.8 billion ...
- A trend is a change over time. To describe trends, focus on what is increasing or decreasing compared to some time in the past, e.g. ... which was a rise of 32 per cent from the previous year.
- If several categories show the same trend, talk about them together, e.g. customers were moving away from the three physical formats in the chart.
- State the units of measurement, e.g. US consumers spent \$9.8 billion.
- Many of the verbs for up and down trends can also be used as nouns, e.g. Spending fell by 21 per cent = There was a 21 per cent fall in spending. (You can write % or per cent, but be consistent.)
- Write a conclusion. Say what we learn from the data overall.

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

The chart shows the sales revenue of a selection of home video entertainment formats in the USA in 2017. It also shows the percentage change from the previous year.

Online video streaming was the most popular format in 2017. US consumers spent \$9.8 billion on services such as Netflix, which was a rise of 32 per cent from the previous year. For the average American, this accounted for nearly half of their spending on video entertainment at home.

At the same time, customers were moving away from the three physical formats in the chart. DVD and Blu-ray sales dropped by 14 per cent over the twelve-month period to \$4.5 billion in 2017, and rent-by-post revenues went down by 20 per cent to \$0.5 billion. DVD rental shops saw the largest decline, as spending fell by 21 per cent to just \$0.4 billion.

Overall, there was a clear downward trend in spending on physical video formats, as they all showed relatively low sales and they were all in decline. However, there was an upward trend in paying for streaming.

DO YOU REMEMBER? MAKE A SENTENCE.

1. DAY IN, DAY OUT – Book 07, Lesson 01
2. TO MAKE UP – Book 07, Lesson 01
3. JUST BECAUSE – Book 07, Lesson 01
4. TO CATCH ON – Book 07, Lesson 01
5. NOT TO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA – Book 07, Lesson 01
6. HARDLY EVER – Book 07, Lesson 01
7. TO BE FED UP WITH – Book 06, Lesson 07
8. IT DOESN'T WORK – Book 06, Lesson 07
9. I WISH I COULD – Book 06, Lesson 11
10. TO GAIN WEIGHT – Book 06, Lesson 17