



WORKBOOK 08 LESSON 10

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITIONS: TO, FOR, IN, OF, ON, WITH, WITHOUT, AMONG, ABOUT, AT, INTO.

So you have been studying English **for about** one hundred and fifty years and sometimes it seems you don't know anything, doesn't it? You study, and study and try to memorize these crazy prepositions, but you never seem to know them all. Ugh! As Charlie Brown would say.

When you think you know everything you need, someone introduces you **to** a foreigner and tells the foreigner that you speak English and you have this terrible feeling that suddenly that you don't remember anything. That you just forgot everything. This foreigner begins talking **to** you **with** a glam **in** his eyes because he finally found someone who knows English. You look **at** his mouth moving faster and faster and you feel you feel your brain getting emptier and emptier... You become pale your legs feel weak... And the floor seems to be getting closer. Then, **for** a moment, you notice that **in** the middle **of** everything he said, you understood one or two words, so you pay attention and understand a few more, when finally you more or less think to have understood what he was talking **about**. Your legs become stronger, the color **on** your face slowly starts coming back and the floor didn't get any closer. Let me give you a suggestion, breathe **in** deeply and then breathe out and say: "You will have to speak slowly so I can understand you."

What you have to know is that there are many kinds **of** English: Brazilian English, American English, Italian English and so **on**. Each person will speak the way he learned it. And when you learn english as a second language, **of** course you will have an accent **in** your English, even if you studied with the best English or American teacher **in** town.

In order for you to have a British or American accent, you have to live **in** one **of** these countries **for** a while (that means more then only spend a couple **of** months). No English school will be able to teach you how to understand an Italian English and a Spanish English and so **on**. To acquire the ability **of** understanding someone who speaks English quickly you have to spend time **among** people who speak english, listen **to** songs **in** English, listen **to** all your English tapes, watch movies **in** English **without** reading the subtitles, **in** other words you have to practice!

It isn't important **at** first that you understand every word the person is saying, it is more important that you understand what he is talking **about**, the context. If you like to read, then find some books **in** English **at** the library, concerning matters you like and read, and if you don't like to read, try learning how to like reading (**at** least sometimes!)

And **about** the prepositions, you'd better memorize them or else you won't go **into** book nine! Just kidding... Don't memorize them, learn them. Try

to relate the prepositions **to** the verb, and it will be easier. And if someone introduces you **to** a foreigner that speaks fast, either speak **in** Portuguese **with** him as fast as you can to see if he also gets pale and weak, or you ask him to speak slower. Don't let your English depend only **on** the method and the teacher, MAKE IT DEPEND **ON** YOU!

TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH

1. Não há riscos se você planejar as coisas com cuidado antes de fazê-las, a não ser que você não saiba muito a respeito do que você está fazendo.

THERE IS NO RISK IF YOU PLAN THINGS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU DO THEM UNLESS YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

2. Ele deliberadamente me deixou sozinho nesse lugar com essa terrível libélula.

HE DELIBERATELY LEFT ME HERE ALONE IN THIS PLACE WITH THIS DREADFUL DRAGONFLY.

3. Eu não consigo achar minha certidão de nascimento e eu precisarei dela para me matricular na universidade amanhã pela manhã.

I CAN'T FIND MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND I'LL BE NEEDING IT TO ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY TOMORROW MORNING.

4. Ele é a pessoa mais irresponsável, repugnante e burra que eu já conheci em minha vida.

HE IS THE MOST RECKLESS, SICKENING, STUPID PERSON I HAVE EVER MET IN MY LIFE.

5. Eu senti algo volumoso em minha bolsa antes de sair de casa, então eu a abri e encontrei o hamster do meu filho dormindo.

I FELT SOMETHING BULKY IN MY PURSE BEFORE I LEFT HOME, SO I OPENED IT AND MY SON'S HAMSTER SLEEPING.