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Verb and Prepositions

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer:

1. You've been talking about asking her out for weeks, what are you waiting ____?
 - a. to
 - b. in
 - c. at
 - d. for

2. Yeah, Mr Bennett is our history teacher, he's nice but I never know what he's talking _____.
 - a. of
 - b. on
 - c. about
 - d. over

3. I've finally decided to call _____ Simon, I want to know how he feels.
 - a. ---
 - b. to
 - c. at
 - d. in

4. People say he works _____ the CIA, and he carries a gun!
 - a. at
 - b. for
 - c. with
 - d. in

5. What kind of music do you like listening ____?
 - a. to
 - b. at
 - c. ---
 - d. for

6. What did you discuss _____ at the meeting?
 - a. on
 - b. over
 - c. about
 - d. ---

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Answers

1. You've been talking about asking her out for weeks, what are you waiting ____?
 - a. to - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'wait to something' is not correct.
 - b. in - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'wait in something' is not correct.
 - c. at - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'wait at something' is not correct.
 - d. for - The preposition goes at the end of the question - 'wait for something' is correct.**

2. Yeah, Mr Bennett is our history teacher, he's nice but I never know what he's talking _____.
 - a. of - Notice how the preposition comes at the end of the sentence - 'talking of' is not correct.
 - b. on - Notice how the preposition comes at the end of the sentence - 'talking on' is not correct.
 - c. about - Notice how the preposition comes at the end of the sentence - 'talking about' is correct.**
 - d. over - Notice how the preposition comes at the end of the sentence - 'talking over' is not correct.

3. I've finally decided to call _____ Simon, I want to know how he feels.
 - a. --- - 'To call someone' (without preposition) is correct.**
 - b. to - 'To call to someone' is not correct.
 - c. at - 'To call at someone' is not correct.
 - d. in - 'To call in someone' is not correct.

4. People say he works _____ the CIA, and he carries a gun!
 - a. at - You can say 'work at + place' e.g. he works at the local factory - but 'work for' someone or an organisation.
 - b. for - We say 'work for' an organisation or someone e.g. he works for Paul. Correct**
 - c. with - You can work with someone, but not an organisation.
 - d. in - You can say 'he works in a bar' but not for an organisation or large company.

5. What kind of music do you like listening ____?
 - a. to - The preposition goes at the end of the question, we say 'listen to music / something'. Correct**
 - b. at - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'listen at music / something' is not correct.
 - c. --- - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'listen music / something' is not correct.
 - d. for - The preposition goes at the end of the question, but 'listen for music / something' is not correct.

6. What did you discuss _____ at the meeting?
 - a. on - 'Discuss on' is not correct.
 - b. over - 'Discuss over' is not correct.
 - c. about - 'Discuss about' is not correct.
 - d. --- - 'Discuss ---' is correct - don't use any preposition with this verb.**