Quiz topic: Verb + preposition

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   a) about
   b) of
   c) to
   d) --- (no preposition)

2. I love listening ________ classical music, I find it really relaxing.
   a) about
   b) at
   c) to
   d) --- (no preposition)

3. I don’t understand what this means - can you explain ________?
   a) me this word
   b) this word me
   c) this word to me
   d) this word at me

4. She asked ________ me to help her with the homework.
   a) --- (no preposition)
   b) to
   c) at
   d) on

5. I applied ________ 10 jobs last week, but I haven’t got one interview!
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   b) for
   c) at
   d) about

6. What did you think ________ the film? Did you like it?
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   b) of
   c) in
   d) all of the above
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   d) --- (no preposition)
   a) 'To discuss about something' is not correct.
   b) 'To discuss of something' is not correct.
   c) 'To discuss to something' is not correct.
   d) Correct! You can 'discuss politics', 'discuss religion' or discuss anything at all - don't use a preposition!

2. I love listening _________ classical music, I find it really relaxing.
   a) about
   b) at
   c) to
   d) --- (no preposition)
   a) 'Listen about music' is not correct - choose a different preposition.
   b) 'Listen at music' is not correct - choose a different preposition.
   c) Well done! 'Listen to music' is correct - always use the verb and preposition together, e.g. 'What are you listening to?'
   d) 'Listen music' is not correct - with this verb, we must use a preposition.

3. I don't understand what this means - can you explain _________?
   a) me this word
   b) this word me
   c) this word to me
   d) this word at me
   a) You cannot say 'explain me' - you need an object + preposition: 'explain it to me'.
   b) You cannot say 'explain it me' - you need an object + preposition: 'explain it to me'.
   c) This is correct! We say 'explain something to someone'.
   d) You cannot say 'explain something at me' - you need a different preposition.
4. She asked _________ me to help her with the homework.

a) --- (no preposition)
b) to
c) at
d) on

a) Well done! We say 'ask someone' to do something - not ask to someone, so you don't need a preposition.
b) You cannot 'ask to someone' to do something - is this verb followed by a preposition?
c) You cannot 'ask at someone' to do something - is this verb followed by a preposition?
d) You cannot 'ask for someone' to do something' - is this verb followed by a preposition?

5. I applied _________ 10 jobs last week, but I haven't got one interview!

a) to
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d) You can 'apply to a company', but you 'apply for a job', e.g. I am applying for the position of researcher which was advertised in this week's Daily News.

6. What did you think _________ the film? Did you like it?

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a) We use 'think about' to consider something, e.g. What are you thinking about?
b) We use 'think of' when we give our opinions, e.g. I didn't think much of it (I didn't like it)
c) 'Think in' something is not correct.
d) Only one of the answers is correct.

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