Collocating correctly!

1 Correct the prepositions in the following sentences 1-8.
   1 I’ve always been really interested on people who start up their own businesses.
   2 I believe he paid at the holiday as a surprise.
   3 Do you know that she resigned to her job?
   4 I can’t believe they succeeded on persuading him to do it!
   5 They said it’s quite a similar villa from the one they hired last year.
   6 It took them ages to prepare of the cup final.
   7 Did you apply in that job in the end?
   8 Do you believe to that kind of working system?

2 Fill in the missing preposition in each of the questions 1-8 below.
   1 Is there any animal or insect that you’re afraid _____?
   2 Is there anything that you insist _____ when people come into your house?
   3 What kind of fiction are you interested _____ at the moment?
   4 How do you usually prepare _____ an interview or major exam?
   5 Do you prefer your holidays to be different _____ each other or basically the same type of holiday?
   6 Which movie stars (if any!) are you keen _____ at the moment?
   7 If I asked your parents, what would they tell me you are good _____?
   8 Do you ever find that you worry _____ something and then afterwards it doesn’t seem to have been worth worrying _____? Any examples?

3 In pairs take turns to ask each other the questions from Ex. 2. Ask as many follow-up questions as you can.
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of collocations with prepositions. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with the vocabulary page, unit 2.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student

1 Tell students to imagine they are a teacher who has to correct the sentences. Give students time to compare their answers and correct each other’s work if necessary before checking the answers with the class.

   Answers: 1 interested in  2 paid for  3 resigned from  4 succeeded in  5 similar villa to  6 prepare for  7 apply for  8 believe in

2 Students read the sentences and correct the mistake in each sentence. Elicit students’ answers and encourage peer correction.

   Answers: 1 of  2 on  3 in  4 for  5 from  6 on  7 at  8 about

3 Group students into pairs and ask them to take turns to ask each other the questions from Ex. 2. Monitor to check that they use the correct prepositions in their questions and answers. Get feedback from the various pairs.