

How to Use Dependent Prepositions in Your C1 Exam

Phrases Examiners Actually Notice

1) Agreeing / Disagreeing

- in favour of
- in agreement with
- opposed to
- critical of

2) Cause & Effect

- due to
- as a result of
- attributable to
- resulting in

3) Problems

- exposed to
- vulnerable to
- faced with
- affected by

4) Solutions & Responsibility

- responsible for
- accountable for
- solution to
- approach to

5) Comparison

- superior to
- inferior to
- preferable to
- alternative to

6) Linking Ideas

- in relation to
- with regard to
- in terms of
- in response to

Before vs After (Upgrade Your English)

Basic: People are stressed because they work a lot.

Advanced: Due to increasingly demanding jobs, people experience higher levels of stress.

Basic: I agree with this idea.

Advanced: I am in favour of this idea.

Basic: This is better than that.

Advanced: This is preferable to that option.

Basic: People have problems with social media.

Advanced: Young people are increasingly exposed to social media pressure.

Essay Mini Upgrade

Version B2:

People are stressed because they work too much. Social media also creates problems. The government should do something.

Version C1/C2:

Due to increasingly demanding work environments, many people experience high levels of stress. In addition, young people are often exposed to social media pressure. Governments are therefore responsible for addressing these issues and developing effective solutions.

Practice

Rewrite the sentences using more advanced language:

1. People care about the environment.
 2. This problem happens because of technology.
 3. The government should fix this issue.
 4. Online learning is better than traditional learning.
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1. What are you most concerned about in your country?
 2. Are governments responsible for solving its environmental problems?
 3. Are you in favour of online education?
 4. What is success largely dependent on?
 5. What problems are young people faced with today?