

## Preposition 10

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. In some cases there is more than one possible correct answer.

### Burglary

In common **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ many other areas in this part of the country, there seems to be a crime committed almost every week in my town. Only last night I heard on the news that a man had been jailed for five years **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ setting fire to a store that is not far from where I live. My grandmother is scared to leave her house at night as she is afraid of being mugged. Last year her elderly neighbour was out walking one night when a man pushed **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ her; he tried to take her bag and knocked her **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ a wall. Luckily an off duty policeman saw what was happening and chased **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ the man who was later arrested. She was **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ sight of her house and had her dog with her when the incident occurred; sadly the dog ran into the darkness and **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ distributing posters **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ the local area and offering a reward for his return, he was never seen again. Crime has also affected an old gentleman who lives **9)** \_\_\_\_\_ the street from me, owing to a previous burglary he now stays **10)** \_\_\_\_\_ his house most of the time instead of going out and he gets the local supermarket to deliver his shopping to his door. A few nights ago I saw a man jump over my back fence, the man climbed **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ a wall and **12)** \_\_\_\_\_ another garden, I then saw him climb over a neighbour's gate and head off **13)** \_\_\_\_\_ town. I rang the police and yesterday I heard that they had caught him and he turned out to be a criminal who had recently absconded **14)** \_\_\_\_\_ jail. It's frightening to think that a dangerous criminal was **15)** \_\_\_\_\_ a few metres of my house. A few months ago my cousin was watching a local football match **16)** \_\_\_\_\_ her friend, they were getting jostled **17)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd and after the match was over she realised that someone had cut **18)** \_\_\_\_\_ the strap of her bag and stolen it. Her house keys were **19)** \_\_\_\_\_ it and also her purse; she had to have all her locks changed. She told me that she has been worried ever **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ it happened, and she is now in the process of selling up and moving **21)** \_\_\_\_\_ from the area. Despite all the problems I think I will continue to live in this area and hope that things improve in the near future.