

TOEIC IV – Prepositions and Adverbs Story (1)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

1. **before** **under** **after** **however**

Johnny started working for Amtech right _____ graduating from college, and _____ long he became the regional manager for Asia. _____, in the economic collapse of 2020, he was _____ a lot of pressure to bring profits back to the struggling company.

2. **wherever** **long** **order** **down**

We are moving our offices away from downtown in _____ to cut _____ on our expenses. I believe that _____ we decide to move to will definitely save us an enormous amount of money in the _____ run, as rent is so much cheaper in the suburbs.

3. **average** **according to** **for** **moreover**

_____ a recent report, research has shown that the _____ family is becoming less interested in overly expensive luxury hotels. _____, they are searching on-line to avoid hotels that have a reputation _____ less than friendly service.

4. **neither** **therefore** **due to** **despite**

We all know that our company is suffering greatly _____ the economic shut-down. We and our staff have come up with some great ideas ourselves, but _____ all our efforts we could _____ save this company, nor staff jobs. _____, we will be closing down as of June 23rd. Thank you for your understanding.

5. **even though** **during** **either** **so far**

Mr. Smith has had very little success _____ in his time as CEO of Amtech, _____ he inherited a company that had flourished _____ the previous CEO's reign. Mr. Smith _____ needs to show some progress and profits or resign immediately!