

TOEIC IV – Prepositions and Adverbs Story (3)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

1. **by** **already** **without** **in spite of**

John, _____ coming from a very rich family, decided he wanted to start his own business _____ his family's money. So he worked very hard to save money, and _____ the time he was 26, he had _____ saved enough money to buy his first cleaning store.

2. **ever** **ago** **when** **in case**

A few weeks _____ I went on a business trip and forgot my smart phone in the hotel _____ checking out. It was terrible because I was unable to contact any of my clients. So now I bought a special phone alarm _____ I _____ forget my smart phone again in the future.

3. **moreover** **often** **nor** **among**

_____ all of our staff, Bob is by far the worst! Customers _____ complain about his poor service and bad manners. _____, he neither cleans up after himself _____ helps the other staff with the normal closing duties. But for some reason, management won't fire him.

4. **during** **very** **except** **therefore**

To all staff: We are _____ fortunate to be having the US President staying at our hotel. He will be taking over one whole floor _____ his stay. _____, no staff will be allowed on that floor _____ for those who have been vetted by the Secret Service.

5. **more** **nevertheless** **so that** **besides**

In the 2008 economic collapse, the government gave billions of dollars to airlines _____ they wouldn't go bankrupt. What's _____, is that _____ all the money they received, they also didn't have to pay any taxes! _____, many still went bankrupt and never paid the government, nor taxpayers, back for their enormous loans.