

## Common word combinations exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions or adverb particles. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. . I despair ..... reforming  
that fellow.

about

of

off

2. Never deviate ..... the path  
of truth.

off

with

from

3. This plan radically differs  
..... the earlier one.

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with

from

to

4. I am diffident ..... passing the TOEFL this time.

of

about

for

5. I entirely disagree ..... you on this point.

to

with

on

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6. You are a disgrace ..... your whole family.

for

to

with

7. I wish to dispose ..... my old car.

with

of

off

8. I tried to dissuade him ..... following such a course of action.

with

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9. His father is disgusted .....  
him for his addiction to gambling.

to

with

at

10. Although this is similar to the other one, it is  
quite distinct ..... it.

with

from

to

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### Answers

1. I despair of reforming that fellow.
2. Never deviate from the path of truth.
3. This plan radically differs from the earlier one.
4. I am diffident about passing the TOEFL this time.
5. I entirely disagree with you on this point.
6. You are a disgrace to your whole family.
7. I wish to dispose of my old car.
8. I tried to dissuade him from following such a course of action.
9. His father is disgusted with him for his addiction to gambling.
10. Although this is similar to the other one, it is quite distinct from it.