**Vocabulary • Noun + preposition**

For questions **1–15**, complete the sentences with a suitable dependent preposition.  
Write the correct dependent preposition in the box.

**1** My appraisal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the situation is that it is much more serious than people think.

**2** The children have an insatiable appetite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pizza.

**3** One notable absence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the concert was a classical pianist.

**4** Clive exhibits a distinct lack of respect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anything and anybody.

**5** At this time of year snow is certainly an exception \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rule.

**6** I don't quite understand the terms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reference used in this document.

**7** There are so many drawbacks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the plan you are suggesting that I don't know where to begin.

**8** An ugly dispute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oil rights has led to rising tensions between the two countries.

**9** Demand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tickets was so great that some people queued all night to get their hands on them.

**10** In my opinion, the greatest threat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mankind is nuclear war.

**11** I don't have any misgivings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supporting the left-wing movement.

**12** What is the effect of these policies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country as a whole?

**13** Don't be offended – no one is casting aspersions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you.

**14** There is growing controversy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the two incidents involving political prisoners.

**15** The negative comments were a slur \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the staff at the nursing home.