Gaps fill word patterns and collocations

Reading is a key part of improving your vocabulary, this way you will learn organically which words have the tendency of going together. An important aspect of this though is keeping a note of which words go with which prepositions in a log in your notebook. Also, to be able to understand word patterns and collocations it is important to practice frequently and do as many gaps fill exercises as you can get hold of, see our exercises on the blog HERE.

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3. When was the last time you insisted _____ speaking to the manager in a shop?
4. What does the course consist _____?
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6. Are you good _____ remembering large quantities of information?
7. I might be more interested _____ history if my teacher were more interesting.
8. You have to be crazy _____ a language to be able to learn it well
9. I always seem to compete _____ my siblings at everything.
10. I find it difficult to concentrate _____ my studies because I also have a part time job.
11. I detest being involved _____ endless arguments.
12. Listening _____ music is a great way to put your feet up and relax.
13. People who participate _____ sport regularly tend to be healthier.
14. John wanted to join _____ the match, but the other children wouldn’t let him.
15. Do you ever dream _____ becoming a successful sports star?
16. My opinion tends to differ _____ that of my wife.
17. We are looking _____ a new challenge because our current jobs are somewhat dull.
18. Ben is used _____ getting his own way-
19. Would you like to learn _____ the way German grammar works?
20. I am revising _____ the science exam this evening.
21. It is not a good idea to boast _____ your achievements.
22. Colin is always complaining _____ his job.
23. They succeeded _____ convincing the board to change their recycling policy.
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ANSWERS

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