Complete the sentences with a prepositional phrase from the box.

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1. He started composing his own symphonies __________________________ 9.
2. I'm not __________________________ today, so please leave me alone.
3. Has anyone __________________________ found my red fountain pen? I lost it yesterday.
4. Shorter skirts were __________________________ a few years ago but they're not anymore today.
5. Mom told me I had to be home by midnight, __________________________.
6. He was questioned __________________________ so don't believe everything he says.
7. By the time someone got to the scene of the accident, the car was __________________________.
8. I tried to convince her to take part in the course, but all my efforts were __________________________.
9. __________________________, I don't think we should hire too many new workers.
10. The headmaster cancelled the meeting __________________________ because he had to be somewhere else.
11. Mission Impossible is __________________________ the best thriller I have ever seen.
12. I'm sorry but this item is __________________________. We'll try to get it by next month.
13. He is __________________________ until the end of the year, so I'm afraid we won't be here for the planning stages.
14. The main bridge of the city is still __________________________, so you'll have to find another route across the river.
15. The question took him __________________________, so he was struggling to find the right answer.
16. Politicians sometimes make statements __________________________ that they regret later.
17. If you study really hard, your English will improve __________________________.
18. The new girl is shy __________________________, so you'll have to give her some time to loosen up.
19. I wrote out the instructions __________________________ so she would know exactly what to do.
20. __________________________, I feel like leaving this country and moving somewhere else.
KEY

1. He started composing his own symphonies at the age of 9.
2. I'm not in a good mood today, so please leave me alone.
3. Has anyone by chance found my red fountain pen? I lost it yesterday.
4. Shorter skirts were in fashion a few years ago but they're not anymore today.
5. Mom told me I had to be home by midnight, at the latest.
6. He was questioned under stress so don't believe everything he says.
7. By the time someone got to the scene of the accident, the car was on fire.
8. I tried to convince her to take part in the course, but all my efforts were in vain.
9. In conclusion, I don't think we should hire too many new workers.
10. The headmaster cancelled the meeting at short notice because he had to be somewhere else.
11. Mission Impossible is by far the best thriller I have ever seen.
12. I'm sorry but this item is out of stock. We'll try to get it by next month.
13. He is on leave until the end of the year, so I'm afraid we won't be here for the planning stages.
14. The main bridge of the city is still under repair, so you'll have to find another route across the river.
15. The question took him by surprise, so he was struggling to find the right answer.
16. Politicians sometimes make statements in public that they regret later.
17. If you study really hard, you're English will improve in no time.
18. The new girl is shy by nature, so you'll have to give her some time to loosen up.
19. I wrote out the instructions in detail so she would know exactly what to do.
20. At times, I feel like leaving this country and moving somewhere else.