

Cliches

- Q1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time — 24-.....  
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7
- Q2 ....., I couldn't agree with you more.  
(a) Totally (b) Clearly (c) Finally (d) Absolutely
- Q3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and ..... the issue.  
(a) advise (b) speak (c) address (d) talk
- Q4 It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say ..... 50.  
(a) around (b) across (c) through (d) into
- Q5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was .....
- (a) fine (b) awesome (c) interesting (d) clear
- Q6 We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a ..... figure of 6 million dollars.  
(a) ball field (b) ball place (c) ball park (d) ball game
- Q7 I agree with what you say, ..... but ...  
(a) wholly (b) basically (c) quickly (d) simply
- Q8 You fill in those forms on a weekly .....
- (a) stand (b) base (c) size (d) basis
- Q9 I hope you will be patient and ..... with me a minute.  
(a) stay (b) hold (c) bear (d) maintain
- Q10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a ..... place.  
(a) difficult (b) hard (c) soft (d) firm

*Losing It (1)*

- Q1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing .....
- (a) looks (b) appearance (c) **face** (d) looking
- Q2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing .....
- (a) terrain (b) space (c) land (d) **ground**
- Q3 Please don't lose ..... because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end.
- (a) **heart** (b) body (c) strength (d) feeling
- Q4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your ....., then you're in real trouble.
- (a) hold (b) stay (c) grab (d) **grip**
- Q5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her ..... and crashed into the tree.
- (a) control (b) brain (c) **head** (d) skull
- Q6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any ..... over it if I were you.
- (a) rest (b) **sleep** (c) time (d) slumber
- Q7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost ..... of what he was saying.
- (a) pace (b) route (c) path (d) **track**
- Q8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost .....
- (a) case (b) reason (c) **cause** (d) argument
- Q9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost ..... me.
- (a) to (b) **on** (c) for (d) by
- Q10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing .....
- (a) part (b) role (c) section (d) **game**

Topic: **AS + if, of, in (as if, as of, as in)** | Level: **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED**

Students of English often have a difficult time with "as" constructions, so we prepared this exercise to help you practice these. Choose the right word (if, of, or in) to complete each sentence.

1. As **of** \_\_\_\_\_ today, I no longer smoke.
2. He was screaming as **if** \_\_\_\_\_ he were really angry.
3. He is a little slow, as **in** \_\_\_\_\_ he's not very intelligent.
4. My brother is pretty cheap, as **in** \_\_\_\_\_ he doesn't like to spend money.
5. He acted as **if** \_\_\_\_\_ he were in love with her.
6. We'll be living in our own house as **of** \_\_\_\_\_ next month.
7. I felt as **if** \_\_\_\_\_ a great burden had been lifted from my shoulders.
8. She said that she liked me, as **in** \_\_\_\_\_ she wanted to be my friend.
9. As **of** \_\_\_\_\_ this week, we'll be posting the answers online.
10. He nodded his head as **if** \_\_\_\_\_ he understood.

47. A manager should have a good knowledge of labor \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) organizer B) **organization** C) organized D) organize
48. Petroleum \_\_\_\_\_ are getting more and more expensive everyday.  
A) produces B) **products** C) production D) productivity
49. We had a very \_\_\_\_\_ time at the football match yesterday.  
A) excited B) excitement C) **exciting** D) excitedly
50. He had to pay the library for the \_\_\_\_\_ book.  
A) lose B) **lost** C) loss D) loser
51. Stop talking and \_\_\_\_\_ with your work.  
A) **get on** B) get away C) get after D) get back
52. \_\_\_\_\_ the radio; I can't hear what you're saying.  
A) Turn up B) Turn on C) Turn away D) **Turn down**
53. I am sorry I am so late. My car \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) broke up B) broke away C) **broke down** D) broke in
54. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the baby this morning while I do my shopping.  
A) look over B) look back C) look up D) **look after**
55. Did Alice \_\_\_\_\_ to live here?  
A) used B) **use** C) used to D) ever
56. A: Are you still employed at the airport?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ there since 1978.  
A) had been working B) worked  
C) **have been working** D) am working
57. A: You mean there was no food left when you got to the reception?  
B: Exactly, they \_\_\_\_\_ everything up.  
A) will eat B) **had eaten** C) ate D) have eaten
58. Wasn't he really doing any work at home? No, I found him \_\_\_\_\_ in an armchair  
A) sleep B) to sleep C) **sleeping** D) slept
59. A: Which shoe of this pair did you say was too tight?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_; both of them fit me perfectly.  
A) None B) **Neither** C) Nor D) No one
60. You look tired. What \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) did you do B) were you doing  
C) **have you been doing** D) you have done
61. A: Do you play snowball in Florida in the winter?  
B: No, it \_\_\_\_\_ for that.  
A) isn't so cold B) is very cold  
C) **isn't cold enough** D) isn't too cold
62. If I \_\_\_\_\_ your father, I would certainly punish you for this.  
A) am B) **were** C) had been D) was
63. The journalist saw two brigands \_\_\_\_\_ an old man to death.  
A) **beat** B) bit C) bite D) beaten
64. Thousands of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ by careless drivers every day.  
A) **are caused** B) will cause C) caused D) cause
65. I've just finished \_\_\_\_\_ my shopping.  
A) to make B) **doing** C) to do D) making
66. She has no intention of \_\_\_\_\_ a poor man like you.  
A) marry B) to marry C) **marrying** D) married
67. I wish \_\_\_\_\_ what to do in an emergency like this.  
A) **I knew** B) I know C) knowing D) to know
68. You \_\_\_\_\_ watch what you are saying. The boss is very upset today.  
A) would rather B) **had better**  
C) had rather D) would sooner
69. The old woman knew about everything \_\_\_\_\_ was going on in the neighborhood.  
A) what B) where C) **that** D) who
70. Very \_\_\_\_\_ people can learn how to read efficiently.  
A) less B) **few** C) little D) a little
71. He sometimes wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ a computer.  
A) doesn't touch B) will not touch  
C) **had never touched** D) has never touched
72. Roy didn't go to school yesterday and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) nor didn't James B) neither didn't James  
C) **James didn't either** D) James didn't too
73. If you \_\_\_\_\_ your money carelessly, you wouldn't have been penniless in the middle of your holiday.  
A) **hadn't spent** B) didn't spend  
C) haven't spent D) wouldn't spend
74. The boss made him \_\_\_\_\_ the report all from the beginning.  
A) **write** B) written C) wrote D) which
75. I was disappointed with my birthday present. It wasn't exactly \_\_\_\_\_ I expected.  
A) that B) that what C) **what** D) which
76. We had a test yesterday. I wish \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) we hadn't one B) **we hadn't had one**  
C) we didn't have one D) we don't have one
77. The baby is crying. I think she has been \_\_\_\_\_ by the noise.  
A) afraid B) **frightened** C) frighten D) frightening
78. Your sister never saw me, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) **did she** B) does she C) didn't you D) doesn't she
79. Whether one will fail or succeed depends \_\_\_\_\_ himself.  
A) from B) **on** C) to D) in
80. The moment she \_\_\_\_\_ her wounded husband, she burst into tears.  
A) will see B) sees C) has seen D) **saw**
81. It's been rainy all afternoon, \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
A) wasn't B) isn't C) **hasn't** D) doesn't
82. I am interested \_\_\_\_\_ English.  
A) at B) to C) for D) **in**
83. After I \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner, I typed my report.  
A) had B) have C) **had had** D) will have
84. If you're not feeling well, take a hot bath. It'll \_\_\_\_\_ you good.  
A) **do** B) made C) help D) does
85. The twins look almost alike. None of us can \_\_\_\_\_ the difference between them.  
A) say B) **tell** C) make D) prove
86. Now that I've bought a car, I \_\_\_\_\_ take the bus to work.  
A) **needn't** B) must C) mustn't D) hadn't
87. It's time we \_\_\_\_\_ working.  
A) start B) will start C) **started** D) had started
88. \_\_\_\_\_ strange car we saw near the post office belongs to the major.  
A) One of B) **The** C) An D) Two
89. The river that runs \_\_\_\_\_ our town has now become a health hazard.  
A) in B) **through** C) over D) from
90. I wonder if you could give me \_\_\_\_\_ advice about finding a job.  
A) an B) a C) **any** D) many
91. How long ago did you \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) have painted your house B) had your house painted  
C) **have your house painted** D) have your house paint
92. I really think there is too \_\_\_\_\_ furniture in your office?  
A) **much** B) more C) many D) most
93. My coffee is \_\_\_\_\_ hot that I can't drink it.  
A) very B) much C) **so** D) too
94. I \_\_\_\_\_ him at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.  
A) **am supposed to see** B) am supposed to seeing  
C) supposed to see D) am suppose to see
95. Paul studies his lessons the most carefully \_\_\_\_\_ all the students in class.  
A) than B) from C) as D) **of**
96. Because it was raining, the children \_\_\_\_\_ out.  
A) wasn't going B) hadn't gone  
C) **didn't go** D) have gone
97. While they were mending the wall, the roof \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
A) falls B) **fell** C) is falling D) had fallen
98. He found that the petrol tank \_\_\_\_\_ since he left the town.  
A) leaked B) is leaking  
C) was leaking D) **had been leaking**
99. It \_\_\_\_\_ me a long time to realize she had deceived me.  
A) take B) **took** C) takes D) will be taken
100. The bus was crowded yesterday, so we \_\_\_\_\_ stand all the way.  
A) had B) would have C) **had to** D) will have to