

KNOWING PREPOSITIONS CAN BE HELPFUL!



"The plane flew **above** the cloud, **behind** the cloud, **around** the cloud, **below** the cloud, **beneath** the cloud, **beside** the cloud, **beyond** the cloud, **into** the cloud, **near** the cloud, **outside** the cloud, **over** the cloud, **past** the cloud, **through** the cloud, **toward** the cloud, **under** the cloud, and finally dived **underneath** the cloud."

A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship between two things. In the example above, the prepositions show the relationships between a plane and a cloud. Below is a list of most common prepositions:

about	beside	inside	to
above	besides	like	toward
across	between	near	under
after	beyond	of	underneath
against	by	off	until
along	despite	on	up
among	down	out	with
around	during	outside	within
at	except	over	without
before	for		past
behind	from		since
below	in		through
beneath	into		throughout

Some prepositions consist of **more than one word**. Here is a list of the most common multiword prepositions:

along with	In place of
because of	In spite of
due to	instead of
except for	on account of
in addition to	out of
in case of	up to
in front of	with the exception of

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

On is used with days.
I will see you **on** Monday.
The week begins **on** Sunday.

At is used with noon, night, midnight, and with the time of day.
My plane leaves **at** noon.
The movie starts **at** 6 p.m.

In is used with other parts of the day, with months, with years, with seasons.
He likes to read **in** the afternoon.
The days are long **in** August.
The book was published **in** 1999.
The flowers will bloom **in** spring.

since, for, by, from—to, from—until, during, (with)in expresses extended time

- She has been gone **since** yesterday. (She left yesterday and has not returned.)
- I'm going to Paris **for** two weeks. (I will spend two weeks there.)
- The movie showed **from** August to/until October. (Beginning in August, ending in October.)
- I watch TV **during** the evening. (For some period of time in the evening.)
- We must finish the project **within** a year. (No longer than a year.)

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

- In** – describes the point itself.
There is a wasp **in** the room.
- Inside** – expresses something contained.
Put the present **inside** the box.
- On** – talks about the surface.
I left your keys **on** the table.
- At** – talks about a general vicinity.
She was waiting **at** the corner.
- Over, above** – when the object is higher than a point.
He threw the ball **over** the roof.
Hang that picture **above** the couch.

under, underneath, beneath, below

- when the object is lower than a point
- The rabbit burrowed **under** the ground.
- The child hid **underneath** the blanket.
- We relaxed in the shade **beneath** the branches.
- The valley is **below** sea-level.

near, by, next to, between, among, opposite

- when the object is closer to a point
- She lives **near** the school.
- There is an ice cream shop **by** the store.
- An oak tree grows **next** to my house
- The house is **between** Eskaton and New Market.
- I found my pen lying **among** the books.
- The bathroom is **opposite** the kitchen.



PUNCTUATE THE FOLLOWING STORIES

Story 1

yesterday I went to aniks house but he was not at home his mother told me that he had gone to east ramna park so I went there and found him cycling on the path with manik tamal and daud the boys invited me to join them so I hired a bike and we rode for about two hours before we decided to eat at kfc the hamburgers were delicious we had a great day

Story 2

tarik lost his keys and we were all helping him to search for them we went through the whole house we looked in every drawer and cupboard then we started looking in funny places like under the bed behind the door under the carpet as well as outside in the garden but we could not find the keys oh I remember said tom I put them into my pocket when we left the regent theatre sorry everyone ill buy you an ice cream for helping me

Story 3

A young boy has written this story, but he doesn't know anything about punctuation. Can you put in the capital letters, full-stops, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, and speech marks for him?



morris the martian was flying around the solar system one day when he saw a strange light in front of him what is that he thought to himself morris was scared but he flew a little bit closer so that he could see it better hello he called out there was no reply hello is anyone there he called but again there was no reply suddenly a creature appeared in front of the light boo it shouted poor morris was really scared and he flew off home and hid under his bed

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES ...

Complete the sentences in the **RED** boxes(1-16) taking the most suitable ones from the **YELLOW** (a-p) ones.

1. My brother was very conscious
2. He was arrested
3. In China, having more than two children at the same time is
4. The police charged the man
5. Most children are fond
6. The three men were found guilty
7. Since the weather was so bad, we decided
8. He apologized
9. Since Mrs Saima is ill, Mr Sunil is deputizing
10. He didn't want her to go, so he tried to prevent her
11. Since he had missed so many lessons, he was discouraged
12. She takes great pride
13. He tried to coax her
14. He complimented her
15. He was always very nervous
16. To tell you the truth, I am not very keen

- a. from taking the exam
- b. on her work.
- c. for his bad behavior.
- d. for robbing a bank.
- e. against going to the beach.
- f. for her today.
- g. into going to the party.
- h. of his big nose.
- i. of going to the circus.
- j. from leaving.
- k. about going to the dentist.
- l. with murder.
- m. of fraud.
- n. in her work.
- o. on going out tonight.
- p. against the law.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED AUGUST 10, 2015)

- GRAMMAR DRILL (KEY)
1. She said (that) he worked in a bank.
 2. She told me (that) they went (had gone) out last night (the night before).
 3. She said (that) she was coming.
 4. She told me (that) she had been waiting for the bus when he arrived.
 5. She said (that) she had never been there before.
 6. She told me (that) she didn't go (hadn't gone) to the party.
 7. She said (that) Lucy would come later.
 8. She told me (that) he hadn't eaten breakfast.
 9. She said (that) she could help me tomorrow.
 10. She told me (that) I should go to bed early.
 11. She told me (that) she didn't like chocolate.
 12. She said (that) she wouldn't see me tomorrow.
 13. She said (that) she was living in Paris for a few months.
 14. She told me (that) she visited (had visited) her parents at the weekend.
 15. She said (that) she hadn't eaten sushi before.
 16. She said (that) she hadn't travelled by underground before she came to London.
 17. She said (that) they would help if they could.
 18. She told me (that) she would do the washing-up later.
 19. She said (that) he could read when he was three.
 20. She said (that) she had been sleeping when Julie called.
- EXERCISE 1 (KEY)
1. sail 2. waste 3. brake 4. sum 5. prince
- EXERCISE 2 (KEY)
1. write 2. blew 3. won 4. week 5. piece 6. weigh 7. eye 8. know 9. eight 10. bear
- EXERCISE 3 (KEY)
1. cruise 2. cent 3. crews 4. due 5. doe 6. scent 7. dew

BUCKLE-UP FOR THE LONGEST PREPOSITION DRILL!

Fill-in the blanks with the prepositions in the box:

- about - at - by - for - from - in - of - on - to - with
24. There's a good restaurant _____ the end of the street.
 25. We usually have sweets _____ Eid day.

How well did you play? Let's find out!

26. I would like to travel _____ India next summer.
27. I took a plane _____ Dhaka to Kolkata.
28. I'd like to speak _____ the manager please.
29. I don't usually feel tired _____ the morning.
30. My mother is abroad so my dad is taking care _____ us _____ the moment.
31. Sandhya gets _____ the seven o'clock bus in the morning.
32. She always looks _____ herself in the mirror.
33. I met Dolly _____ a party _____ Friday night.
34. My friend always borrows money _____ me.
35. Daisy's books are lying _____ the floor.
36. He arrived at the school building just _____ time.
37. The audience threw tomatoes _____ him.
38. Passengers are not allowed to use cell phones _____ airplanes.
39. He is responsible _____ what he does.
40. I'm sorry _____ the job you didn't get.
41. I'm very bad _____ mathematics.
42. We had to climb slowly _____ the hill.
43. He is always _____ time.
44. How many people are _____ your team?
45. A university is where you study _____ a degree.
46. Her next birthday will be _____ a Sunday.
47. The new factory is expected to go online _____ May.
48. Many of us eat _____ fork and spoon.
49. We have been searching _____ a web designer for a few weeks now.
50. The TV is _____ the corner of the room.

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