

# Preposition Exercises

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**Definition:** A preposition is a word placed before a noun or a pronoun to show in what relation the person or thing denoted by it stands in regard to something else.

A preposition can be defined as a word that shows a relation between a noun or a pronoun with some other words in a sentence.

For example:

- I shall wait at the school gate.
- The book is on the table.
- He pointed to the tree.

Location	Time	Movement
above	after	against
behind	before	along
below	by	down
beside	during	from
between	from	into
by	on	off

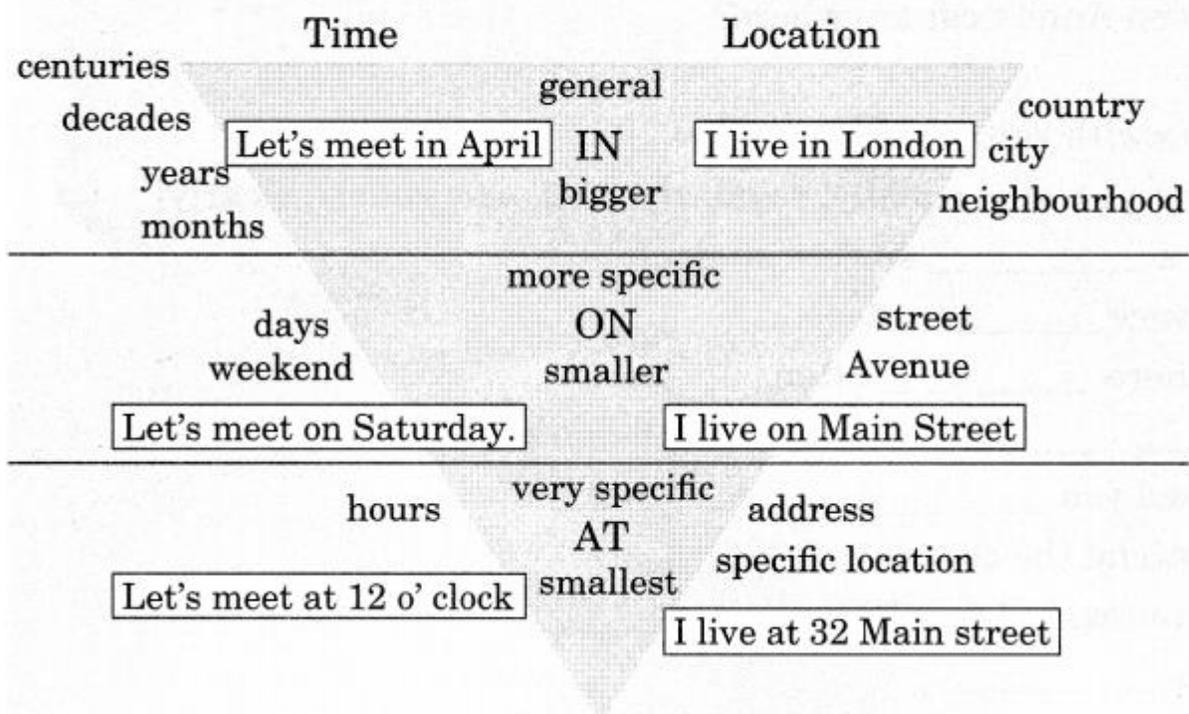
in	past	on
inside	since	onto
near	through	out of
on	to	toward
over	until	up
through	upon	upon
I am in the pool.	We will meet after swimming lessons	I am getting out of the pool

The preposition can be studied in the following parts.

1. Prepositions for time
2. Prepositions for place
3. Prepositions for direction

## 1. Prepositions for time

### PREPOSITIONS: IN, ON, AT



We use many different prepositions for talking about time. Here we are looking at: in, on, at, by, during and for –

Prepositions	Uses	Example
<b>In</b>	Months, Seasons, Years, Centuries, Times of day, Longer periods of time	In January/ in April, in spring/ in winter, in 1984 / in 2015, in the 20th century, in the morning / in the evening, in the past / in the 1990s / in the holidays

<b>At</b>	Clock times, Festivals, Exceptions	at 7.30 a.m. / at 5 o'clock, at Christmas / at Easter, at night / at the weekend
<b>On</b>	Days of the week, Days + parts of days, Dates, Special days	On Monday, On Tuesday afternoon / on Saturday mornings, on November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , On my birthday on New Year's Eve
<b>By</b>	Ultimate time	by 14th February., by Monday
<b>For</b>	Time Phrase	for two years, for an hour
<b>During</b>	Specific period	during the vacation, during the day
<b>around</b>	in a circle, Near	Around the table, around 50 euros

## 2. Prepositions for place

Prepositions can be used to show where something is located place. Here we are looking at: in, at, on, between, among, into, and besides.

Preposition	Uses	Examples

<b>In</b>	Countries, cities, town, and place having some boundary	In Nottingham/ in Germany, in park street in hall/ in school, in the mirror, in the car, in the picture, in the world.
<b>At</b>	shows an exact position or particular place	at the entrance, at the bus stop, at the table, at a concert, at the party, at university, at work.
<b>On</b>	things, something is in a position above something else and touching it.	on the wall, on the River cam, on the desk, on his face, on the left, on the first floor, on trains/ on the bus / on a plane, on TV/ on the radio
<b>Between</b>	Space which separates two places, people or objects	Meeting between the directors, between the children, between Chile and Argentina
<b>Among</b>	Used for more than two persons or things	Among all the students, among these boys
<b>Into</b>	Movement of someone from one position or place to another	Into the river, into the castle, into the garden

<b>besides</b>	Stands for in addition to	Besides his mother, besides the self
<b>across</b>	from one side to the other	across the road
<b>down</b>	from higher to lower	down the blind.
<b>over</b>	on the surface of	The plane flew over the Atlantic. She put a sheet over the furniture.
<b>under</b>	beneath, below	Water flows under the bridge.

### 3. Preposition for direction

Some preposition shows where something is going. They are called prepositions of direction.

Examples:

- She went to the library.
- He ran away when he felt that someone was coming towards him.
- The dog is jumping through the loop.
- I need to go out tonight.
- I ordered a sandwich with a drink.
- We sat next to each other.

### Preposition Exercises Practice Examples

Exercise-1

Read the statements given below and tick the correct option:

#### Question 1.

They went to the Agra bus.

- (a) of
- (b) in

- (c) by
- (d) from

**Answer**

- (c) by

**Question 2.**

She jumped the river.

- (a) on
- (b) in
- (c) into
- (d) to

**Answer**

- (c) into

**Question 3.**

Compare Gandhi Karl Marx.

- (a) to
- (b) with
- (c) over
- (d) in

**Answer**

- (b) with

**Question 4.**

Ram was engrossed .... his studies.

- (a) on
- (b) with
- (c) in
- (d) over

**Answer**

- (c) in

**Question 5.**

I presented him ....a beautiful watch.

- (a) in
- (b) for
- (c) with
- (d) on

**Answer**

- (c) with

**Question 6.**

What are doing ... coming Sunday?

- (a) on
- (b) from
- (c) in
- (d) to

**Answer**

- (a) on

**Question 7.**

I will finish this work . today evening.

- (a) from
- (b) by
- (c) on
- (d) into

**Answer**

- (b) by

**Question 8.**

People have siesta lunchtime.

- (a) on
- (b) in
- (c) to
- (d) at

**Answer**

- (d) at

**Question 9.**

I'll arrive sometime .... 8 and 9 am;

- (a) next to
- (b) in
- (c) between
- (d) on

**Answer**

- (c) between

**Question 10.**

They should be ready to go 20 minutes.

- (a) to
- (b) in
- (c) on
- (d) at

**Answer**

- (b) in

## Exercise-2

### Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

1. He was accused \_\_\_\_\_ theft. (for, of, to)
2. Look \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers. (at, in, up)
3. Are you a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ this school? (in, on, with)
4. Compare your answers \_\_\_\_\_ your partner. (after, between, with)
5. I come \_\_\_\_\_ a big family. (with, from, into)
6. He tried to open the tin \_\_\_\_\_ a knife. (up, to, with)
7. Palak's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 15 January. (in, on, at)
8. He should be here \_\_\_\_\_ now. (to, by, for)
9. Gandhiji lived \_\_\_\_\_ the English rule. (during, at, before)
10. I was born \_\_\_\_\_ October 16th. (in, at, on)

### Answer

1. of
2. at
3. in
4. with
5. from
6. with
7. on
8. by
9. during
10. on

Correct the following sentences:

1. Leena sat down Sid and Anuj.
2. The restaurant is at the river.
3. She pulled on the blind.
4. I bought this book to you.
5. The pen is up the drawer.
6. The plate is at the table.
7. She put a sheet for the furniture.
8. The Seine flows between Paris.
9. On the way of the station.
10. I put an egg at the kitchen table.

### Answer

1. Leena sat between Sid and Anuj.
2. The restaurant is by the river.
3. She pulled down the blind.
4. I bought this book for you.
5. The pen is in the drawer.
6. The plate is on the table.
7. She put a sheet over the furniture.

8. The Seine flows through Paris.
9. On the way to the station.
10. I put an egg on the kitchen table.

#### **Exercise-4**

Fill in the blanks with the suitable prepositions.

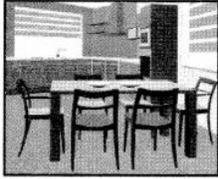
1. She always read newspapers the morning.
2. There is a party t the club house.
3. The garbage truck comes Wednesday.
4. Walter is not mean; he is just very careful money.
5. Do you get well your sister?
6. Do you go – bed late every night?
7. The Class start 15:30 the afternoon.
8. I wish my daughter was interested learning foreign languages.

#### **Answer**

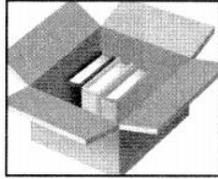
1. In
2. at
3. On
4. with
5. on, with
6. to
7. at, in
8. in

## Internal assessment

Fill in the blanks below the boxes with suitable prepositions.



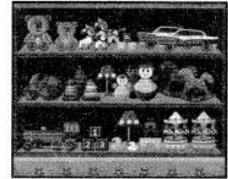
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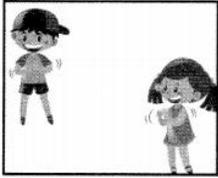
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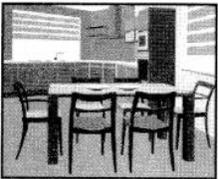


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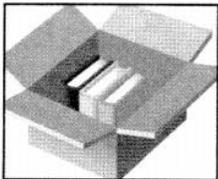


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### Answer



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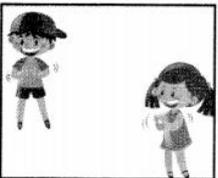
in



over



under



far



near



up



down

## Preposition Exercises Practice Examples

### Question 1.

Identify all prepositions in the following sentences:

After flying for many hours, we finally got off the airplane. We walked out the exit and went to the baggage claim area. There were hundreds of different bags on the conveyor belt. I almost picked up the wrong one because it looked like mine.

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_:
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_:
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_:
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_:
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_:

## Question 2.

Complete with at, in, on

- (i) \_\_\_ night
- (ii) \_\_\_ 1996
- (iii) \_\_\_ Christmas Day
- (iv) \_\_\_ Tuesday
- (v) \_\_\_ the 15th century
- (vi) \_\_\_ 17.30
- (vii) \_\_\_ May
- (viii) \_\_\_ weekends
- (ix) \_\_\_ the morning
- (x) \_\_\_ summer

### Choose the correct option

1. (a) We often go at holiday in summer  
(b) We often go on holiday to summer  
(c) We often go on holiday in summer  
(d) We often go on holiday at summer

2. (a) James isn't here in the moment  
(b) James isn't here to the moment  
(c) James isn't here on the moment  
(d) James isn't here at the moment

3. (a) Are you coming on Tuesday morning?  
(b) Are you coming at Tuesday morning?  
(c) Are you coming in Tuesday morning?  
(d) Are you coming to Tuesday morning?

4. (a) I play tennis in the weekend  
(b) I play tennis at the weekend  
(c) I play tennis on the weekend  
(d) I play tennis to the weekend

5. (a) We have lunch in midday.  
(b) We have lunch at midday.  
(c) We have lunch on midday.  
(d) We have lunch to midday.

### Fill in the blanks using these prepositions: (at, with, for, in, to)

1. I went the play my friend last night.  
2. I bought my son a bicycle his birthday.

3. My sister sat with my mom the bus.
4. The doctor will see you two o' clock.