

THE PREPOSITIONS

ACTIVITY TYPE

Reading, Writing, Grammar,
Exercises

LANGUAGE FOCUS

The prepositions

AIM

To learn and practice the
prepositions in English

LEVEL

Beginner, Elementary

TIME

60 minutes

INTRODUCTION

After going through your regular review and teacher talk, tell the students that they're going to learn the prepositions in English

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

PROCEDURE

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.
Go through the grammar and exercises together.

WRAPUP

Ask the students if they have any doubts.

Thank them for coming to the lesson.

PREPOSITIONS

A Preposition is placed before a noun or pronoun to show the relation between this noun or pronoun and some other word in the sentence.

Examples :

Put his book *on* the table.

Give this book *to* him.

Note - The noun or pronoun placed after the preposition is called its **Object**

In the above sentences, the noun "*table*" is the object of the preposition "*on*"; and the pronoun "*him*" is the object of the preposition "*to*".

The following list contains some other examples of the preposition :

- (a) A lamp is hung *above* my head.
- (b) He sailed *across* the sea.
- (c) He returned *after* many days
- (d) He is not *at* home just now.
- (e) He stands *before* the door

EXERCISES

Chose the correct preposition

1. Fred lives.....Mill Street, doesn't he?

- In
- On
- At

2. My father was born.....Christmas Eve

- At
- On
- In

3. Come here.....once! I need your help right now!!

- At
- On
- In

4. Joe's either early or late. He is never.....time

- On
- At
- In

5. Fred lives.....223 Mill Street, doesn't he?

- In
- At
- On

6. I will be able to leave.....about 10 minutes. I have to finish something first.

- In
- On
- At

7. Angela doesn't seem to be.....home. I wonder where she is.

- On
- In
- At

8. This is an.....-house product. It is not sold to the public.

- At
- In
- On

9. Please don't get mad.....me! I'm only doing this for your own good!

- At
- On
- In

Choose in, at, to or nothing

1. He lives.....New York
2. She went.....home.
3. I work.....Seattle
4. He went.....his friend's house
5. She arrivedLondon for the celebrations.
6. I am going to stay.....home this weekend.
7. He works.....the hospital.
8. Why don't we go.....the movies tonight?
9. I'm going to see John.....Florida this summer
10. I arrived.....work early this morning
11. She comes home.....early
12. We stay...the Grand Hotel
13. They visited.....Italy last summer
14. She is going to travel..... Greece this summer.
15. I'll be.....school later today

Choose in, at, on.

1. The label is.....the bottle.
2. Jack is waiting.....the bottom of the stairs.
3. Our seats are.....the third row.
4. Turn left.....the lights.
5. He is sitting.....the chair next to the piano
6. I always meet Jack.....the street.
7. He has a lot of beautiful pictures.....the wall
8. I live.....the fifth floor of my apartment building.
9. We waited for over one hour.....the bus stop
10. Who is that womanthe photograph?
11. You will find an explanation.....page 18.
12. Paris is....the river Seine
13. The instructions are.....the back of the box
14. What do you have.....your hands?
15. Can you see who is.....the door?
16. Let's meet.....six o'clock!!
17. He was born.....July
18. I went there.....1978
19. She will be at work.....Friday

20. We met.....Christmas day
21. The will drive to RochesterSeptember 15th
22. We arrived in this country.....October
23. I love to go shopping.....Christmas time
24. We get up early.....the morning
25. Do you dream.....night?
26. What do you like doing.....weekends?
27. He's working at his homework.....the moment.
28. I lived in the U.S.Athe 1980.

Verb and Preposition Combinations

1. Susan and Jack will arrive ____ the train station tonight.

A) at B) about C) for D) with

2. Cory is accused ___ breaking into the neighbor's house.

A) at B) about C) in D) of

3. My brother and I used to argue ____ who had to take out the trash.

A) about B) with C) at D) for

4. Sara applied ___ the city police department. She wants to become a detective.

A) about B) up C) to D) into

5. My friends had a terrible argument. I can't believe that they argued ___ each other.

A) at B) with C) from D) for

6. Mark apologized ___ starting the argument.

A) with B) at C) to D) for

7. My mother doesn't approve ___ my new boyfriend.

A) for B) of C) about D) to

8. Do you agree ___ the travel plans?

A) with B) for C) to D) about

9. When did the teacher arrive _____ Japan?

A) at B) about C) for D) in

10. I applied _____ a credit card. I wonder if I will get it...

A) at B) to C) for D) with

Verb + Preposition: Sample sentence:

to accuse of The scary man is accused of stealing.

to agree with Do you agree with me?

to apologize for Please apologize for being unkind to
your sister!

to apply to
(somewhere) Mary applied to California University.

to apply
for (something) Steve applied for a job.

to approve of I don't approve of smoking.

to argue with Jack always argues with Jill.

to argue about	They always <u>argue about</u> which TV show to watch.
to arrive in	The plane <u>arrived in</u> New York.
to arrive at	The passengers <u>arrived at</u> the gate at 8:00.

Please fill in the gaps with the correct preposition: BY /ON/ FOR

e.g. I went to Greece by sailing-boat. It was amazing!

1. Oh no, I've forgotten my credit card. I will have to pay _____ cash.
2. I saw a really good programme _____ television last night.
3. I always have tea and toast _____ breakfast.
4. What a beautiful day! Let's go _____ a walk.
5. Peter hates speaking _____ the telephone.
6. This week I must go to Frankfurt _____ business.
7. "Hamlet" was written _____ Shakespeare.
8. It is Mary's birthday today, why don't we go _____ a drink to celebrate?
9. Last year I went _____ holiday to Greece.
10. I dialed a wrong number _____ accident.