

# PREPOSITIONS

Of place, time,  
direction, movement

from for  
in on of under  
on of with  
by at over

Preposition	Use	Examples
<b>Above</b>	higher than sth.	The picture hangs <b>above</b> my bed.
<b>Across</b>	from one side to the other side	You mustn't go <b>across</b> this road here. There isn't a bridge <b>across</b> the river.
<b>After</b>	one follows the other	The cat ran <b>after</b> the dog.
<b>Against</b>	directed towards sth.	The bird flew <b>against</b> the window.
<b>Along</b>	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking <b>along</b> the beach.
<b>Among</b>	in a group	I like being <b>among</b> people.
<b>Around</b>	in a circular way	We're sitting <b>around</b> the campfire.
<b>Behind</b>	at the back of	Our house is <b>behind</b> the supermarket.
<b>Below</b>	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres <b>below</b> sea level.
<b>Beside</b>	next to	Our house is <b>beside</b> the supermarket.
<b>Between</b>	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is <b>between</b> the supermarket and the school.
<b>By</b>	near	He lives in the house <b>by</b> the river.
<b>close to</b>	near	Our house is <b>close to</b> the supermarket.
<b>Down</b>	from high to low	He came <b>down</b> the hill.
<b>From</b>	the place where it starts	Do you come <b>from</b> Tokyo?
<b>in front of</b>	the part that is in the direction it faces	Our house is <b>in front of</b> the supermarket.
<b>Inside</b>	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay <b>inside</b> the castle.
<b>Into</b>	entering sth.	You shouldn't go <b>into</b> the castle.
<b>Near</b>	close to	Our house is <b>near</b> the supermarket.
<b>next to</b>	beside	Our house is <b>next to</b> the supermarket.
<b>Off</b>	away from sth.	The cat jumped <b>off</b> the roof.
<b>Onto</b>	moving to a place	The cat jumped <b>onto</b> the roof.
<b>Opposite</b>	on the other side	Our house is <b>opposite</b> the supermarket.
<b>out of</b>	leaving sth.	The cat jumped <b>out of</b> the window.
<b>Outside</b>	opposite of inside	Can you wait <b>outside</b> ?
<b>Over</b>	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped <b>over</b> the wall.
<b>Past</b>	going near sth./sb.	Go <b>past</b> the post office.
<b>Round</b>	in a circle	We're sitting <b>round</b> the campfire.
<b>Through</b>	going from one point to the other point	You shouldn't walk <b>through</b> the forest.
<b>To</b>	towards sth./sb.	I like going <b>to</b> Australia. Can you come <b>to</b> me? I've never been <b>to</b> Africa.
<b>Towards</b>	in the direction of sth.	We ran <b>towards</b> the castle.
<b>Under</b>	below sth.	The cat is <b>under</b> the table.
<b>Up</b>	from low to high	He went <b>up</b> the hill.

**WORKSHOP :**

**For each question, write either 'IN', 'ON', 'AT' or "X" if no preposition is needed.**

1. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ next week.
2. He was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1991.
3. Did you see her \_\_\_\_\_ today.
4. It starts \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
5. It was sunny \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday.
6. It will be ready \_\_\_\_\_ eight months.
7. What's on the TV \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
8. The factory closed \_\_\_\_\_ June.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ the winter, it usually snows.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, she spoke to me.
11. What are you doing \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.
12. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ a moment.
13. The anniversary is \_\_\_\_\_ May 10th.
14. Where did you go \_\_\_\_\_ last summer.
15. The movie starts \_\_\_\_\_ 20 minutes.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ the moment, I'm busy.
17. They were very popular \_\_\_\_\_ the 1980s.
18. My appointment is \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday morning.
19. We had the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
20. Are you staying at home \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day.
21. I have to speak to the boss \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ 8 o'clock, I must leave.
23. Spain in beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ Spring
24. I like studying \_\_\_\_\_ night.
25. Ask me again \_\_\_\_\_ two or three minutes.
26. What did you do \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend?
27. I often play tennis \_\_\_\_\_ autumn.
28. Susan's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 27<sup>th</sup> June.
29. The company is closed \_\_\_\_\_ public holidays.
30. I'll meet you \_\_\_\_\_ quarter past four.
31. They are dancing \_\_\_\_\_ the street!
32. Toni will meet us \_\_\_\_\_ the corner of the street.
33. My parents usually go out \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.
34. She was standing all by herself \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop.
35. I've got two days off \_\_\_\_\_ Easter.
36. You should come \_\_\_\_\_ time. It's impolite to be late.
37. We got to the airport \_\_\_\_\_ time so we could rest before taking the plane.
38. Don't call me \_\_\_\_\_ lunch time, please. I won't be able to hear you in the restaurant.
39. I'm so tired of being \_\_\_\_\_ the queue.
40. Mr. Sanders office is \_\_\_\_\_ the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
41. Write your name \_\_\_\_\_ the top of the page.
42. You can write your essay \_\_\_\_\_ this sheet.
43. Please, leave your belongings \_\_\_\_\_ the entrance.
44. I found the information \_\_\_\_\_ this article.

46. **Mr. A:** Where are Mr. and Mrs. Brown taking their vacations?

**Mrs. B:** They are \_\_\_\_\_ the beach.

47. **Mr. A:** It's so relaxing here but Where are our kids?

**Mrs. A:** They are \_\_\_\_\_ the beach.

48. **A:** I can't find Mary anywhere \_\_\_\_\_ the beach house, have you seen her?

**B:** She is \_\_\_\_\_ the beach.

49. **A:** Dad, where is going to be the meeting?

**B:** Today, it's going to be \_\_\_\_\_ the park.

50. **A:** Josh, where are you kids?

**B:** Look over there. They're playing \_\_\_\_\_ the park.

**Fill in the correct prepositions : about – at – by – for – from – in – of – on – to – with – up**

1. She learned Russian \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 45.
2. The book was written \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Twain.
3. I'll show you the picture \_\_\_\_\_ the palace.
4. We can only get to the camp \_\_\_\_\_ foot.
5. Who are you working \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What are you talking \_\_\_\_\_?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of next year we will have made over £ 100,000.
8. She always gets up early \_\_\_\_\_ the morning and goes to bed late \_\_\_\_\_ night.
9. I went to work \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday but I didn't go \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
10. You'll have to wait. He'll be with you \_\_\_\_\_ a minute.
11. Philip waited \_\_\_\_\_ her at the movie theatre.
13. Who are you talking \_\_\_\_\_? – It's nobody here!
14. You have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets on the day you order them.
15. We are very proud \_\_\_\_\_ this company.
16. 15. It's very kind \_\_\_\_\_ you to help us.
16. The old man suffered \_\_\_\_\_ a heart attack.
17. Please write \_\_\_\_\_ pencil.
18. It's \_\_\_\_\_ time you told him the truth.
19. The manager didn't take part \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.
20. He's very good \_\_\_\_\_ telling jokes.
21. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ the conference
22. We sat down \_\_\_\_\_ the grass and ate our lunch.
23. My parents got married \_\_\_\_\_ the 1970s.
24. There's a good restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
25. We usually have turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving.
26. I would like to travel \_\_\_\_\_ Italy next summer.
27. I took a plane \_\_\_\_\_ Munich to Rome.
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. Sonja gets \_\_\_\_\_ the seven o'clock bus in the morning.
32. She always looks \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the mirror.
33. I met Donna \_\_\_\_\_ a party \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night.
34. My friend always borrows money \_\_\_\_\_ me.
35. 35. Daria'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.