

Exercise 10

COMPLETE THE STORY

Write an appropriate preposition in each blank.

Note that you will also need to write "to" for all infinitive verbs.

Hidden in Plain Sight

They say that when you want 1. hide something, one 2. the best places 3. hide it is 4. plain sight. 5. a story written 6. Edgar Allan Poe called *The Purloined Letter*; a cunning man, known as Mr. X, stole a secret letter 7. an important woman. He threatened to show the letter to everyone if she did not pay him a great deal 8. money. She went 9. the police, and they secretly searched Mr. X's apartment. They started by looking 10. the rugs and 11. the books 12. the bookshelves. Nothing. Then they looked 13. the bed and 14. all the closets, but they could not find it. They thought that Mr. X was carrying the letter 15. his pocket or 16. his wallet, so they followed him 17. a park, but they were unsuccessful in finding the letter.

The police called the famous detective Auguste Dupin and asked him 18. investigate the case. Dupin, wearing dark sunglasses, went 19. Mr. X's house. While he was sitting 20. the table drinking a cup 21. tea, he looked 22. the whole room. He looked at the paintings 23. the wall, the books 24. the desk, and even the cat sleeping 25. the rug. Finally, he looked 26. a bowl 27. some letters in it. He noticed that one 28. the letters looked familiar. Dupin knew that this one was the stolen letter. When Mr. X heard a man shout 29. the front window, he ran 30. see what was happening. In the meantime, Dupin took the stolen letter and replaced it 31. a similar one that he had 32. his pocket. He thanked Mr. X 33. the coffee and hurried out. This is how the detective found the stolen letter. It was hidden in plain sight, right 34. the table.