

PREPOSITIONS

Of place, time,
direction, movement

in from for
on of under
by at with
over

Preposition	Use	Examples
Above	higher than sth.	The picture hangs above my bed.
Across	from one side to the other side	You mustn't go across this road here. There isn't a bridge across the river.
After	one follows the other	The cat ran after the dog.
Against	directed towards sth.	The bird flew against the window.
Along	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking along the beach.
Among	in a group	I like being among people.
Around	in a circular way	We're sitting around the campfire.
Behind	at the back of	Our house is behind the supermarket.
Below	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres below sea level.
Beside	next to	Our house is beside the supermarket.
Between	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is between the supermarket and the school.
By	near	He lives in the house by the river.
close to	near	Our house is close to the supermarket.
Down	from high to low	He came down the hill.
From	the place where it starts	Do you come from Tokyo?
in front of	the part that is in the direction it faces	Our house is in front of the supermarket.
Inside	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay inside the castle.
Into	entering sth.	You shouldn't go into the castle.
Near	close to	Our house is near the supermarket.
next to	beside	Our house is next to the supermarket.
Off	away from sth.	The cat jumped off the roof.
Onto	moving to a place	The cat jumped onto the roof.
Opposite	on the other side	Our house is opposite the supermarket.
out of	leaving sth.	The cat jumped out of the window.
Outside	opposite of inside	Can you wait outside ?
Over	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped over the wall.
Past	going near sth./sb.	Go past the post office.
Round	in a circle	We're sitting round the campfire.
Through	going from one point to the other point	You shouldn't walk through the forest.
To	towards sth./sb.	I like going to Australia. Can you come to me? I've never been to Africa.
Towards	in the direction of sth.	We ran towards the castle.
Under	below sth.	The cat is under the table.
Up	from low to high	He went up 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 is 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 _____ 27th 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 2nd 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.