

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.