

**Quiz 9**  
**Prepositions 1**

**Exercise:** Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the correct prepositions. The first one is done as an example.

1. The Medical Center is close to campus.
2. I was disappointed in the grade I received on my last essay.
3. Now that she has graduated, Anne is no longer dependent on her parents for financial support.
4. Catherine became accustomed to spicy foods when she was traveling.
5. Table salt is composed of two elements, sodium and chlorine.
6. Is your bicycle equipped with a light?
7. This computer isn't capable of running that software.
8. Bluegrass music is somewhat different from other types of country music.
9. Washington State is famous for its apples.
10. Was your choice of research topic acceptable to your instructor?
11. People who are afraid of heights are called acrophobes.
12. Water is essential to all life.
13. Were you aware of the regulation against smoking in this area?
14. Tepees are characteristic of the Indian tribes of the Great Plains.
15. Will this office be adequate for your needs?
16. I'm not familiar with that song.
17. One meter is approximately equal to a yard.
18. This movie is based on a true story.
19. This summer, he'll be eligible for a three-week vacation.
20. What he said is contrary to common sense.

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1. The art museum is located next \_\_\_\_\_ the museum of natural history on State Street.
2. Many vegetables, including tomatoes, potatoes, and corn, are native \_\_\_\_\_ the New World.
3. This style of architecture is typical \_\_\_\_\_ the colonial period.
4. Oxygen, fuel, and heat are all necessary \_\_\_\_\_ combustion.
5. Two people would find this apartment too crowded, but it's perfect \_\_\_\_\_ one.
6. These tools are inferior \_\_\_\_\_ the ones I usually use.
7. Were you surprised \_\_\_\_\_ the grade you received?
8. The opposite \_\_\_\_\_ *old fashioned* is *modern*.
9. House cats are distantly related \_\_\_\_\_ lions and tigers.
10. Is this type of soil suitable \_\_\_\_\_ growing tomatoes?
11. The point that Murray brought up wasn't really relevant \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.
12. Organically raised crops are free \_\_\_\_\_ chemical pesticides and herbicides.
13. A grade of A- is preferable \_\_\_\_\_ one of B+.
14. If you're not satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ your essay, then I suggest that you rewrite it.
15. Abolitionists were people who were opposed \_\_\_\_\_ the practice of slavery.
16. The United States became independent \_\_\_\_\_ England in 1776.
17. Is it possible \_\_\_\_\_ me to get an appointment sometime next week?
18. President James Madison was married \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most famous of all first ladies, Dolley Madison.

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1. A decrease \_\_\_\_\_ the supply \_\_\_\_\_ a good usually results in an increase \_\_\_\_\_ the price \_\_\_\_\_ that good.
2. Once scientists fully understand the cause \_\_\_\_\_ a disease, it becomes easier for them to find a cure \_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. Professor Lyle noticed a distinct improvement \_\_\_\_\_ the quality \_\_\_\_\_ her students' work.
4. It is believed that sunspots have an influence \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's weather patterns.
5. Have you had much experience \_\_\_\_\_ computers?
6. I'm sorry; I wasn't paying close attention \_\_\_\_\_ what you said.
7. The professor gave us several examples \_\_\_\_\_ that phenomenon.
8. Do you know the reason \_\_\_\_\_ the delay?
9. Interest \_\_\_\_\_ physical fitness increased during the 1980's.
10. The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion is part \_\_\_\_\_ the Los Angeles Music Center.
11. Linguists have many theories about the origin \_\_\_\_\_ language.
12. This is an exception \_\_\_\_\_ the general rule.
13. What approach should I take \_\_\_\_\_ this problem?
14. The Ivy League is a group \_\_\_\_\_ eight prestigious universities in the Northeast.
15. People's reliance \_\_\_\_\_ automobiles as their chief form \_\_\_\_\_ transportation has increased over the years.
16. I've tried and tried, but I simply can't find a solution \_\_\_\_\_ this dilemma.
17. The demand \_\_\_\_\_ personal computers continues to grow.
18. Only a native \_\_\_\_\_ the United States can serve as President.
19. Economists don't agree on what effects government spending has \_\_\_\_\_ the economy.
20. Margaret Knight designed some of the components \_\_\_\_\_ the rotary engine.

**Exercise:** Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the correct prepositions.

1. Do you belong \_\_\_\_\_ any campus clubs or organizations?
2. Cytology is the branch of biology that deals \_\_\_\_\_ the structure, form, and life of cells.
3. Maybe you should begin your speech \_\_\_\_\_ some jokes.
4. Let's concentrate \_\_\_\_\_ solving this problem before we discuss the other ones.
5. People want friends they can rely \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Most essays consist \_\_\_\_\_ an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.
7. We didn't plan \_\_\_\_\_ such a long delay.
8. If you are engaged \_\_\_\_\_ any extracurricular activities, you should mention that fact on your résumé.
9. Iron combines \_\_\_\_\_ oxygen to form rust.
10. After several hours of discussion, the council finally agreed \_\_\_\_\_ a plan.
11. The accident resulted \_\_\_\_\_ several minor injuries.
12. Storms on the Sun can interfere \_\_\_\_\_ radio broadcasts on the Earth.
13. By the late 1940's, television had begun to seriously compete \_\_\_\_\_ radio for audience and advertisers.
14. That theatrical company can always be depended \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver a good performance.
15. James didn't have any trouble adjusting \_\_\_\_\_ the climate in Atlanta because he'd grown up in the South.
16. William insists \_\_\_\_\_ getting up early, even on weekends.
17. What does this symbol refer \_\_\_\_\_?
18. Occupational physicians search \_\_\_\_\_ the causes of injury and sickness at the workplace.
19. Many companies participated \_\_\_\_\_ the trade fair.
20. How do you account \_\_\_\_\_ this discrepancy?
21. Do you believe \_\_\_\_\_ any superstitions?
22. Workaholics devote too much of their time \_\_\_\_\_ their jobs.

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1. Work on the new highway will be finished ahead \_\_\_\_\_ schedule.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ spite \_\_\_\_\_ the warnings, Phil dove off the cliff.
3. The chairman, along \_\_\_\_\_ his staff, attended the conference.
4. According \_\_\_\_\_ my dictionary, you're mispronouncing that word.
5. Prior \_\_\_\_\_ her wedding, Nicole's last name was Brooks.
6. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ favor \_\_\_\_\_ that amendment or against it?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ account \_\_\_\_\_ a lack of funds, the university library will now close at nine instead \_\_\_\_\_ at eleven.
8. Sunsets may appear more colorful because \_\_\_\_\_ air pollution.
9. Due \_\_\_\_\_ a computer error, \$100,000 was transferred into Judy's checking account.
10. Regardless \_\_\_\_\_ the final score, I'm sure this will be an exciting game.
11. Glider pilots can actually increase their altitude \_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_ hot air currents called thermals.
12. Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ the financial aid he received, he was able to attend the university.

**Exercise:** Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the preposition *in*, *on*, or *at*.

1. John F. Kennedy was the first President of the United States to be born \_\_\_\_\_ the twentieth century.
2. Fruit trees generally bloom \_\_\_\_\_ April or May.
3. Gettysburg, the greatest battle ever fought \_\_\_\_\_ North America, took place \_\_\_\_\_ July 1863.
4. I like to shower \_\_\_\_\_ the morning, but my roommate likes to shower \_\_\_\_\_ night.
5. The President lives \_\_\_\_\_ the White House, which is located \_\_\_\_\_ 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ Washington, D.C.
6. Many advertising agencies are located \_\_\_\_\_ Madison Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ New York City.
7. Jazz was so popular \_\_\_\_\_ the 1920's that the decade is sometimes called the Jazz Age.
8. Leaves turn red and gold \_\_\_\_\_ the autumn.
9. Most college football games are played \_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays.
10. Both Washington and Lincoln were born \_\_\_\_\_ February. Washington was born \_\_\_\_\_ February 22, Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ February 12.
11. About 90% of all the people \_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey live \_\_\_\_\_ cities.
12. The New Year is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ midnight \_\_\_\_\_ January 1.
13. Dean Hughes' office is \_\_\_\_\_ the Administration Building \_\_\_\_\_ the third floor.
14. Quebec is the largest province \_\_\_\_\_ Canada.

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1. Did you hear that news \_\_\_\_\_ television or read it \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper?
2. The members of a jury are chosen \_\_\_\_\_ random from a list of voters.
3. Videophones are not practical \_\_\_\_\_ present, but they may be \_\_\_\_\_ the near future.
4. Mr. Grigsby is \_\_\_\_\_ charge of the marketing department.
5. Please come here \_\_\_\_\_ once.
6. I'm sure he didn't break the window \_\_\_\_\_ purpose.
7. Air travel is \_\_\_\_\_ its peak \_\_\_\_\_ the summer.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the whole, I enjoyed the movie, but there were a few scenes I didn't like.
9. Mark is a good friend, but we don't have much \_\_\_\_\_ common.
10. Claudia has gotten so many speeding tickets that she's \_\_\_\_\_ danger of losing her driver's license.
11. The story \_\_\_\_\_ the magazine described the incident \_\_\_\_\_ great detail.
12. There is \_\_\_\_\_ least one vowel in virtually every English word.
13. Five oak trees were planted \_\_\_\_\_ a row \_\_\_\_\_ front of the school.
14. This type of music is no longer \_\_\_\_\_ style.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ general, I found zoology to be an easier subject than botany.
16. The American Constitution has been \_\_\_\_\_ existence for over two hundred years.
17. Like many other baby birds, ducklings are blind \_\_\_\_\_ birth.
18. This book is based \_\_\_\_\_ part on fact.
19. The ship was \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ theory, this idea is quite difficult to understand; \_\_\_\_\_ the other hand, it is quite simple \_\_\_\_\_ practice.