

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