

Exercises

74.1 Complete each sentence using a preposition (to/at/in etc.) + one of these words:

bed home ~~hospital~~ hospital prison school university work

- Two people were injured in the accident and were taken to hospital.
- In Britain, children from the age of five have to go to school.
- Mark didn't go out last night. He stayed at home.
- There is a lot of traffic in the morning when everybody is going to work.
- Kate's mother has just had an operation. She is still in hospital.
- When Sophie leaves school, she wants to study economics at university.
- Ben never gets up before 9 o'clock. It's 8.30 now, so he is still in bed.
- If people commit crimes, they may be sent to prison.

74.2 Complete the sentences with **school** or **the school**.

- Why aren't your children at school today? Are they ill?
- When he was younger, Tim hated school.
- There were some parents waiting outside the school to meet their children.
- Class usually starts at 8.30 in the morning.
- A: How do your children get to and from school? By bus?
B: No, they walk. It isn't very far.
- What sort of job does Emily want to do when she leaves school? ?

74.3 Some of these sentences need **the**. Correct them where necessary.

- a 'How old is university?' 'About 200 years.' the university
b In your country do many people go to university? OK
c If you want to get a degree, you normally have to study at university.
d This is a small town, but university is the biggest in the country.
- a My brother has always been healthy. He's never been in hospital.
b When Ann was ill, I went to hospital to visit her. When I was there, I met Lisa who is a nurse at hospital.
c A woman was injured in the accident and was taken to hospital.
- a John's mother is a regular churchgoer. She goes to church every Sunday.
b John himself doesn't go to church.
c John went to church to take some pictures of the building.
- a Why is she in prison? What did she do?
b A few days ago firefighters were called to prison to put out a fire.
c Do you think too many people are sent to prison?

74.4 Which is correct?

- How did you get home / get to home after the party? (get home is correct)
- I like to read in bed / in the bed before I go to sleep.
- Shall we meet after work / after the work tomorrow evening?
- I love swimming in sea / in the sea.
- It's nice to travel around, but there's no place like home / like the home!
- Sam likes to go to bed / go to the bed early, and get up early.
- I didn't sleep well in the hotel. Bed / The bed was uncomfortable.
- How long did it take to cross the ocean? How long were you at sea / at the sea?
- What time do you usually start work / the work in the morning?