



**LESSON:** 5  
**TOPIC:** Use of Prepositions  
**(miscellaneous)**  
**TASK:** 1 of 1

**1. Read the text and choose the right preposition:**

✓ **Text 1**

Pluto's family portrait is complete 1) ... NASA's New Horizons spacecraft snapped shots 2) ... its smallest moon Kerberos. Though it looks more or less like a blob 3) ... space, the series of images is providing scientists 4) ... reams of information. Kerberos appears to be smaller than scientists expected and has a highly-reflective surface, countering predictions made prior 5) ... the Pluto flyby 6) ... July.

1	a) in front of	b) after	c) behind	d) off
2	a) with	b) of	c) in	d) by
3	a) in	b) at	c) on	d) to
4	a) -	b) of	c) with	d) to
5	a) by	b) in	c) to	d) at
6	a) at	b) on	c) in	d) over

✓ **Text 2**

It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee 1) ... the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples 2) ... a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle 3) ... the weight 4) ... a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn 5) ... the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes 6) ... unexpected places.

1	a) for	b) in	c) of	d) to
2	a) after	b) off	c) with	d) at
3	a) with	b) to	c) in	d) at
4	a) in	b) by	c) of	d) to
5	a) for	b) to	c) -	d) at
6	a) out	b) by	c) from	d) before

✓ **Text 3**

A fusion experiment 1)... the world's biggest laser facility released 2)... 1.3 million joules of energy, coming close 3)... a break-even point known as ignition, where fusion begins to release more energy than required to detonate it. Reaching ignition would strengthen hopes that fusion could one day serve as a clean, plentiful energy source, a goal that scientists have struggled to make progress toward. 4)... pummeling a tiny capsule with lasers at the National Ignition Facility, or NIF, 5)... Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, scientists triggered fusion reactions that churned 6)... more than 10 quadrillion watts of power over 100 trillions of a second.

1	a) on	b) for	c) at	d) to
2	a) out	b) -	c) on	d) back
3	a) in	b) for	c) to	d) by
4	a) By	b) In	c) To	d) For
5	a) to	b) on	c) at	d) with
6	a) out	b) for	c) on	d) to

✓ **Text 4**

FACEBOOK recently came in fire for sucking the life 1) ... our iPhones. Even when it wasn't running 2) ... the background, and even with iOS 9's new attention to saving your battery life, Facebook was still draining iPhones everywhere. Today Facebook, addressed the problem 3) ... a post from engineering manager Ari Grant. Grant says part 4) ... the problem was the CPU spin 5) ... the app's network code: "A CPU spin is like a child 6) ... a car asking, 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?' with the question not resulting in any progress to reaching the destination."

1	a) out of	b) from	c) off	d) to
2	a) with	b) in	c) by	d) to
3	a) at	b) for	c) with	d) in
4	a) by	b) about	c) to	d) of
5	a) at	b) of	c) in	d) on
6	a) on	b) in	c) before	d) at

✓ **Text 5**

1) ... instance, a few decades ago, social psychologist Craig Anderson and colleagues showed undergraduates four video clips of couples engaged 2) ... dialog. One clip was neutral in tone, while the remaining three showed escalating tension 3) ... the duo. The undergraduate students watching the clips were each sitting in a room 4) ... the thermostat set to one of five different temperatures, ranging 5) ... a cool 14° C to a hot 36° C. The researchers then asked the students to score the couples' hostility level. Anderson, now of Iowa State University in Ames, found 6) ... that students in uncomfortably warm rooms scored all the couples, even the neutral one, as more hostile than students in rooms with comfortable temperatures did.

1	a) To	b) In	c) On	d) For
2	a) for	b) in	c) with	d) into
3	a) along	b) among	c) between	d) over
4	a) with	b) at	c) in	d) to
5	a) from	b) into	c) to	d) at
6	a) out	b) for	c) -	d) to

✓ **Text 6**

Sticky hairs 1) ... themselves aren't unusual — many noncarnivorous plants use them to defend 2) ... pests. But *T. occidentalis* has qualities that some meat-eating plants share: a love of bright, boggy, nutrient-poor habitats and the absence of a gene that fine-tunes how plants get energy 3) ... light. Together, those features felt like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle hinting 4) ... carnivory, says botanist Sean Graham of the University of British Columbia 5) ... Vancouver. To solve the puzzle, Graham and colleagues needed to know if the wildflower pulls nutrients 6) ... insect corpses.

1	a) by	b) with	c) on	d) to
2	a) after	b) along	c) against	d) among
3	a) from	b) to	c) in	d) out of
4	a) at	b) in	c) from	d) to
5	a) at	b) to	c) in	d) for
6	a) from	b) for	c) out	d) to