

Prepositions of time

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Put in **at**, **for**, **during**, **by**, **until** or **in**.

The city of London was founded by the Romans (1) in the year 43 CE.
(2) During the next few years it quickly became the main trading centre in Britain.
(3) _____ two hundred years after the Romans left, the city was almost forgotten. The full importance of the city of London did not return (4) _____ the eleventh century.
(5) _____ the end of that century, the government of England was based in Westminster and the Tower of London had been started.
(6) _____ the Middle Ages London continued to grow and (7) _____ the time of Shakespeare, it had become a prosperous capital city with many fine buildings. Unfortunately, most of these buildings were made of wood and (8) _____ 1666 they were almost all destroyed by a fire which lasted (9) _____ several days. The Great Fire of London was a real tragedy for the people living there (10) _____ that time, but it is true that many of the areas which are most attractive today were planned (11) _____ the rebuilding which followed.



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Answer the questions, beginning each answer with a preposition.

- 1 When's your birthday? _____
- 2 What year did you start school? _____
- 3 When do you usually have your main meal of the day? _____
- 4 What time of the year is it best to go on holiday? _____
- 5 When do you meet your friends? _____
- 6 When did you last receive a present from anyone? _____
- 7 How long have you been studying English? _____

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Complete the article with the prepositions from the box. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty (-).

at by during for in on until while

THE WAY PEOPLE WORK

Zack is a nurse who works the night shift. How does he manage?

‘Well, I finish work (1) at 6.30 am. Then I go home, have a shower and try to be in bed (2) by half past eight. (3) _____ the same time as I’m getting ready for bed, Joanne, my wife, and our four-year-old daughter, Elaine, are getting up. Joanne drops Elaine at nursery school, which she started (4) _____ last year, on the way to her office.

I usually sleep (5) _____ about three o’clock (6) _____ the afternoon. I have to be at the school (7) _____ 3.30 to collect Elaine. We come home and she plays or watches a cartoon (8) _____ I prepare our meal.

When Joanne comes home from work, we eat. If we’re lucky, we can relax (9) _____ an hour before putting Elaine to bed. Then we do any chores that didn’t get done earlier.

I always allow plenty of time to get to the hospital because if I’m not there (10) _____ time, another nurse will have to go on working (11) _____ I arrive.

I’m often very tired (12) _____ the time I finish, but I don’t really mind. There’s a special atmosphere in the hospital (13) _____ night. Of course, I have a free day (14) _____ every week. And the hours suit us, (15) _____ the moment anyway. I may want to work (16) _____ the day when Elaine goes to a different school. Perhaps I’ll be ready for a change (17) _____ then.’



Prepositions of place

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Choose the correct alternative.

- A JAY: Oh, look. Here's a photo taken in my classroom at primary school. Can you recognise me (1) in / on it?
 ANNA: No, I don't think so. Unless that's you right (2) in / at the back.
 JAY: No, that's not me. I'm the one standing (3) in / at the corner.
 ANNA: In trouble as usual!
- B MIA: I don't understand this.
 LILY: What?
 MIA: Well, I want to check something with the college, but it says (4) in / on this letter that I must give a reference number when I phone, and I can't find it.
 LILY: It's in that little booklet, (5) in / on the first page.
 MIA: Oops! So it is. Thanks.
- C MEL: Did you see Antoine (6) in / at the disco?
 JAN: No, of course not. He returned (7) to / in France last week.
 MEL: But I'm sure I saw him (8) in / on the bus yesterday. In fact, he waved to me when we arrived (9) to / at the bus station.
 JAN: How strange. We'll have to investigate what he's up to!

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Put in **in**, **at** or **on**.

Hi Hannah,

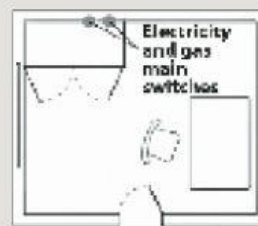
Many thanks for agreeing to stay in the flat and look after things while I'm away.
 Here are some notes about what's where, as promised.

Key

Anika, who lives (1) in the flat (2) _____ the ground floor has the key.
 If she's out, the landlord lives (3) _____ the building (4) _____
 the end of the street. It's called Laurel Villa, and the landlord is Mr Amiri. They both
 know you'll be there while I'm away.

Electricity and gas

The electricity and gas main switches are (5) _____
 the wall (6) _____ the back of the large cupboard
 (7) _____ the study.

Water

You can turn the water off by the large tap (8) _____
 the corner of the bathroom. I hope you won't need to!

Phone numbers

I've made a list of all the useful phone numbers I can think of, for takeaway
 pizzas, taxi, etc. It's stuck (9) _____ the kitchen door.
 I hope you have a good time.
 Steve

Prepositions (general)

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Choose the correct alternative.

TROUBLE AT NORTON MINING

The workforce of Norton Mining has gone (1) on / in strike following a serious accident at the mine in Midsummer Valley in Virginia. The cause (2) for / of the accident is unclear, but miners are blaming management attitudes (3) on / to safety regulations. Damage (4) of / to equipment was frequently ignored and miners' demands (5) for / of safer working practices were rejected by the owner, John Norton. His relationship (6) with / to the workforce was said to be very poor. Although there had recently been a rise (7) of / in the number of minor accidents, he claimed there was no need (8) for / of a change in working practices. Norton is away (9) on / in a business trip. A member of the office staff said she had spoken briefly to him (10) by / on the phone. The news of the accident had come (11) like / as a great shock to everyone in the office, she added. She was unable to say when he would be back. It is understood that the police would like to speak to Mr Norton in connection (12) with / to a number of his financial dealings.

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Complete the answers. Use the words in brackets with one of the prepositions from the box and any other words you need.

as at by in like on

- 1 What's this room? (store room)
We use it as a store room.
- 2 What would you like to do now? (shade)
Let's sit _____.
- 3 Why doesn't your friend eat bread? (special diet)
His doctor has put him _____.
- 4 Have you got enough money for your train ticket? (credit card)
Yes, I'll pay _____.
- 5 Was the exhibition interesting? (recent college graduates)
Yes. The works were all _____.
- 6 Was your brother hurt when his car crashed? (20 km per hour)
No. Luckily he was only travelling _____.
- 7 Why are you writing so slowly? (capital letters)
Because I have to put my address _____.
- 8 Why is your hand so swollen? (wasp)
I got stung _____.
- 9 What colour is Danni's new bag? (the last one)
It's navy blue, _____.
- 10 What are you doing in the summer holidays? (motorcycle messenger)
I've got a job _____.

Adjective/verb + preposition

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Complete the sentences using the prepositions from the box and your own ideas.

about at for in of on

- 1 I know someone who's brilliant at playing the saxophone.
- 2 It's difficult to feel sorry _____.
- 3 Athletes always feel proud _____.
- 4 Most of my friends aren't interested _____.
- 5 Many people are nervous _____.
- 6 My mood depends _____.
- 7 I enjoy laughing _____.
- 8 Lots of children believe _____.

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Complete the email with the phrases from the box.

at remembering gossip for giving up in changing her opinion
of behaving of Helen of her behaviour of making
on doing on their advice with her with herself

From: Susie

To: Terri

Subject: Helen

Hi Terri,

You asked me for news of Helen in your last email. Well, you know I'm completely hopeless

(1) at remembering gossip but basically the situation is this – Helen's parents haven't forgiven Helen (2) _____ law and enrolling at art college.

They thought she would rely (3) _____, but she says she's capable

(4) _____ her own decisions. Her parents have always been very tolerant

(5) _____ but they're really annoyed (6) _____ because of this sudden change of plan.

When she told me, I could see she was really pleased (7) _____. But her parents are quite upset, because they haven't succeeded (8) _____.

Well, it's typical (9) _____. She always insists (10) _____ what she wants. I wouldn't dream (11) _____ the way she does.

Anyway, that's how it is. How are you?

Love, Susie

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Match the beginning of each sentence with the most suitable preposition. Then use your own ideas to complete the sentence.

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| 1 The lorry collided _____ | <u>b</u> | a of _____ |
| 2 The bus crashed _____ | _____ | b with <u>a car</u> |
| 3 The square was full _____ | _____ | c from _____ |
| 4 The minibus belonged _____ | _____ | d on _____ |
| 5 They borrowed the car _____ | _____ | e into _____ |
| 6 They blamed the accident _____ | _____ | f to _____ |
| 7 The owner was upset _____ | _____ | g for _____ |
| 8 The driver apologised _____ | _____ | h about _____ |