



Ultimate
Grammar
MCQs

The Write Tribe



Grammar Notes

A preposition is a word that is used with nouns and noun phrases to give information like time, place and direction. Some examples of prepositions are *in*, *on*, *at*, *with*, *between*, *during* and *towards*.

Example: My elder sister was born *in* Indonesia.

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Shall we go for a drive _____ town this evening to see the Christmas lights?
 (1) inside (2) along
 (3) among (4) around
2. You will go _____ a small park before you get to the library.
 (1) past (2) in
 (3) over (4) beside
3. _____ the white shoes and the pink shoes, I prefer the white ones.
 (1) Except (2) Among
 (3) Between (4) Besides
4. I wonder why the crowd of people over there are all looking _____ at the sky?
 (1) on (2) up
 (3) through (4) over
5. The girl walking _____ us is my next-door neighbour.
 (1) away (2) beyond
 (3) to (4) towards
6. The cat suddenly pounced _____ the poor unsuspecting mouse!
 (1) into (2) on
 (3) over (4) at
7. Don't lean _____ the wall. It's just been painted.
 (1) at (2) onto
 (3) against (4) away from
8. Jessica is in her dormitory reading a letter _____ her mother.
 (1) from (2) of
 (3) at (4) about

9. There are more than a thousand passengers _____ the ocean liner.
(1) above (2) aboard
(3) across (4) amid ☐
10. We should try to read _____ our textbooks to gain more knowledge.
(1) above (2) over
(3) besides (4) beyond ☐
11. The police are still searching _____ the missing child.
(1) of (2) for
(3) with (4) without ☐
12. The officer in the submarine looked _____ the periscope and saw an enemy ship.
(1) at (2) in
(3) out (4) through ☐
13. Why were you staring so intently _____ the man in the grey suit?
(1) to (2) towards
(3) at (4) into ☐
14. "Share these sweets equally _____ the four of you," my mother told us.
(1) among (2) around
(3) for (4) amid ☐
15. The teacher said, "Anyone who scores _____ 60% has to attend remedial classes."
(1) below (2) beneath
(3) underneath (4) near ☐
16. The princess dreamed about a beautiful city _____ the clouds.
(1) above (2) across
(3) around (4) about ☐
17. The students are very tired and cannot focus _____ their reading.
(1) in (2) at
(3) on (4) for ☐
18. What do you usually do _____ weekends?
(1) in (2) at
(3) for (4) around ☐
19. _____ the cold, the children are having a good time making snowballs.
(1) During (2) Except
(3) Despite (4) By ☐
20. The woodcutter trudged _____ the forest to get to the village on the other side.
(1) at (2) in
(3) over (4) through ☐

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Let's have lunch at the restaurant _____ the library.
(1) along (2) between
(3) across (4) opposite
2. Did you notice the bag on the seat _____ you?
(1) beside (2) besides
(3) beneath (4) across
3. The concert will start _____ eight o'clock, so please don't be late.
(1) on (2) at
(3) in (4) during
4. The workers climbed _____ the ladder to repair the leak in the roof.
(1) up (2) down
(3) to (4) by
5. The author _____ this book is a very wise old man.
(1) with (2) of
(3) to (4) for
6. People generally shop a lot more _____ festive seasons.
(1) across (2) during
(3) about (4) along
7. As we cycled _____ the country lane, we could hear the birds chirping.
(1) across (2) among
(3) about (4) along
8. Once you go _____ the corner, you will see a grocery store.
(1) at (2) by
(3) about (4) round
9. This is the shortcut that leads _____ our school.
(1) in (2) for
(3) to (4) with
10. The people who live _____ this street are quite wealthy.
(1) in (2) at
(3) within (4) around

11. Johnny's baby sister was born _____ the first of January last year.
(1) in (2) at
(3) on (4) during ☐
12. Some people believe that there is a pot of gold _____ the end of the rainbow.
(1) in (2) at
(3) to (4) below ☐
13. How many short stories are there _____ this collection?
(1) in (2) on
(3) by (4) with ☐
14. Have you counted the number of words _____ this page?
(1) in (2) on
(3) at (4) for ☐
15. I think it won't rain as the dark clouds have been blown _____ by the wind.
(1) across (2) from
(3) around (4) away ☐
16. Mr Rogers has different kinds of animals _____ his farm.
(1) in (2) along
(3) on (4) for ☐
17. We have to walk _____ this bridge to get to our grandparents' house.
(1) across (2) through
(3) around (4) into ☐
18. On Mother's Day, we served our mother breakfast _____ bed.
(1) in (2) on
(3) for (4) from ☐
19. There's a pretty red flower growing _____ the weeds.
(1) at (2) to
(3) up (4) among ☐
20. I do not have all the information I need to fill _____ this form.
(1) on (2) in
(3) up (4) through ☐

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A phrasal verb is a group of words that works like a verb. It usually consists of a verb and a preposition (or adverb). A phrasal verb is an idiomatic expression and its meaning may be quite different from the literal meaning of its individual words. Therefore, the meanings of phrasal verbs often have to be learnt.

Example: Wayne ran into a former classmate at Suntec City yesterday.

verb preposition

In this sentence, *ran into* means "met".

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

- When the alarm rang, he _____ the blanket and jumped out of bed.
(1) threw away (2) threw on
(3) threw off (4) threw in
- The sign says, "_____ the grass."
(1) Keep out (2) Keep off
(3) Keep away (4) Keep at
- Patrick _____ a jacket before going out as it was a cold day.
(1) put on (2) put off
(3) put away (4) put out
- Many young couples prefer to _____ as they are too busy to cook their own meals.
(1) eat in (2) eat out
(3) take away (4) take out
- We need to work hard so as not to _____ in our school work.
(1) fall back (2) fall in
(3) fall behind (4) fall off
- The music is too loud. We should _____ the volume.
(1) turn up (2) turn down
(3) turn on (4) turn off
- If it rains, we'll _____ the outing.
(1) call up (2) call for
(3) call off (4) call back
- "Don't worry, I'll _____ the matter," the principal assured the teacher.
(1) look in (2) look up
(3) look for (4) look into

9. Can you _____ me _____ the eye and convince me that you're telling the truth?
 (1) look...in (2) look...at
 (3) look...on (4) look...to ☐
10. In times of sadness and pain, it is comforting to have someone to _____.
 (1) lean at (2) lean over
 (3) lean on (4) lean against ☐
11. The company plans to _____ flyers to promote its new product.
 (1) send on (2) send out
 (3) send in (4) send for ☐
12. Jeanette _____ tears when her mother told her the sad news.
 (1) burst in (2) burst out
 (3) burst into (4) burst with ☐
13. The construction workers are preparing to _____ the old building.
 (1) tear up (2) tear down
 (3) tear off (4) tear away ☐
14. "Please _____ your toys after playing with them," Mrs Lee told her son.
 (1) put off (2) put out
 (3) put in (4) put away ☐
15. It is rude to _____ to your parents.
 (1) talk with (2) talk over
 (3) talk back (4) talk around ☐
16. David is reluctant to leave as the party has just begun to _____.
 (1) warm in (2) warm out
 (3) warm up (4) warm off ☐
17. I'm glad that our team's plan did _____ after all.
 (1) work out (2) work off
 (3) work on (4) work in ☐
18. The man eventually decided to _____ the competition.
 (1) back out of (2) back off
 (3) back away (4) back down ☐
19. Miss Siva asked us to _____ this word in the dictionary if we didn't understand it.
 (1) look over (2) look at
 (3) look on (4) look up ☐
20. The coach managed to _____ the opponents quickly and give his team some useful tips.
 (1) size up (2) size down
 (3) size in (4) size out ☐