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Prepositions



TeenLink

ARE YOU TOO BUSY TO EXERCISE?

Don't just sit there and feel bad about yourself! Do something now!
 Here are some suggestions:
 Use the stairs, not the lift! Don't just go down the stairs! Go up the stairs as well!
 Don't sit in front of the TV at weekends!
 Go to the park or for a long walk with a friend. Remember! You cannot eat hot dogs or ice-cream on your way back!
 Get up ten minutes earlier in the morning and walk to school.
 If the school's too far, you can catch the

bus at the next stop instead of the one near your house.

If you don't have a bicycle, talk to your parents and ask for one as a birthday present. You'll go everywhere faster and you'll be fitter than ever!

Are you interested in football / basketball / volleyball? Find a sport you like and become really good at it. You will get lots of exercise and you will also feel proud of yourself when you score!

On cold and rainy days, listen to your favourite music and dance! (I'm sure you liked this one!)

1 Read the tables.

Prepositions of place

- in
- in front of
- next to
- opposite
- between
- on
- behind
- near
- under
- among

Prepositions of time

<i>in</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>on</i>
in the morning	at six o'clock	on Tuesday
in the summer	at night	on 15 th May
in February	at the weekend	on Tuesday morning
in 2007	at the moment	on Christmas Day

2 Read the information.

Prepositions of place

- We use *in, on, at, in front of, behind, next to, near, opposite, under, between* and *among* (prepositions of place) to say where someone or something is.
- We also use prepositions of place in these phrases: *at home, at school, at work, at college/university, at the cinema/zoo, at the door*
on the left/right, on the first/second floor
in bed, in hospital, in prison, in Spain/London/China
Jon is at home. He's in bed.
Mum's at work.
Our room is on the first floor.
- We say: **in** West Street BUT **at** 15 West Street.

Prepositions of time

- We use *in* with parts of the day (*in the morning/evening/afternoon*), months (*In January*), seasons (*in the summer*) and years (*in 2006*).
We bought this car in January.
I was born in 1994.
- We use *at* for times (*at five o'clock, at midnight*) and in these time phrases: *at night, at the weekend, at the moment, at Christmas, at Easter.*
- *I'll pick you up at three o'clock. Mr Wilson is busy at the moment.*
- We use *on* with days (*on Sunday, on my birthday*) and dates (*on 15th February*).
- Be careful: we say:
• **in** the morning BUT **on** Monday morning
• **at** Christmas BUT **on** Christmas Day

3 Circle the correct answer.

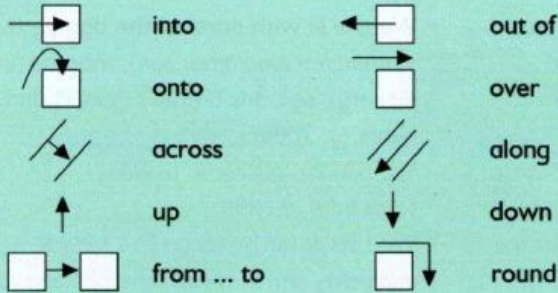
- Mum's **at** / **in** the kitchen. She's making breakfast.
- There's someone **at** / **on** the door.
- Why is Cosmo hiding **among** / **under** the chair?
- There's a big apple tree **between** / **in front of** our house.
- The girl standing **among** / **behind** Frank is my cousin Becky.
- The theatre is **near** / **next** to the Chinese restaurant.
- Do you live **near** / **next** the train station?
- The library is **opposite** / **at** our school.
- Who's that boy sitting **among** / **between** Emma and Kelly?
- My sister was ill, so she stayed **at** / **in** bed.

4 Complete with **at, in** or **on**.

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| 1 A: Can I speak to Mike, please? | B: No, I'm sorry. He's busy at the moment. |
| 2 A: Will you be here Sunday? | B: No. I always visit my cousins the weekend. |
| 3 A: So, when are you leaving? | B: the 25 th of January. |
| 4 A: Is your birthday May? | B: No – it's August. |
| 5 A: What time did Kim phone you? | B: half past three, I think. |
| 6 A: When did you last see him? | B: Friday evening. |
| 7 A: I'll wake you up six, OK? | B: Ah! I hate getting up early the morning! |
| 8 A: Wow! Is that your camera? | B: Yes. My dad gave it to me my birthday. |

5 Read the information.

Prepositions of movement



- We often use prepositions of movement with verbs that show movement, e.g. *come, go, walk, run, jump, etc.*

Who's that boy coming down the stairs? Do you always walk to school?

6 Choose and complete.

~~along~~ down from to (x2) out of into (x2) up

- It's a beautiful day. Come on, let's go for a walk along the river.
- Beth took a camera her bag and started taking photos.
- How far is it your house the cinema?
- We couldn't get the house because we didn't have the key.
- George fell the stairs and broke his leg.
- The dog jumped the river and started swimming.
- Ben and Eric climbed the ladder to the tree house.
- We went a fantastic new Chinese restaurant on Leah's birthday.

7 Read, choose and complete.

at x 2 ~~to~~ on next to out of in x2

- Harry:** Hi, Mum! Have you been ¹ to the supermarket?
- Mrs Davis:** Yes, I have. Could you please help me with the shopping?
- Harry:** Yes, of course.
- Mrs Davis:** Take the apples ² this bag and put them ³ the big brown bowl.
- Harry:** Where is it? I can't see it.
- Mrs Davis:** Oh, it's in the cupboard ⁴ the fridge.
- Harry:** OK. I found it! Oh, Mum, I wanted to ask you something. Are you doing anything ⁵ Saturday morning?
- Mrs Davis:** I think I'm free. I know I'm going to the theatre ⁶ the evening with your dad.
- Harry:** Peter's mum said she'd drive us to the game but now she can't. She will be ⁷ work all day on Saturday. Could you please drive us?
- Mrs Davis:** Yes, fine, but I must be back ⁸ three o'clock. OK?
- Harry:** Great! Thanks, Mum!

8 Read the information.

Verb + preposition

We use a preposition after some verbs. Some of these verbs are:

<i>ask (someone) about</i>	<i>tell (someone) about (something)</i>
<i>ask (someone) for</i>	<i>thank (someone) for</i>
<i>belong to</i>	<i>think about</i>
<i>forget about</i>	<i>wait for</i>
<i>listen to</i>	<i>worry about</i>
<i>look at</i>	<i>write to</i>
<i>talk (to someone) about</i>	

Why are you looking at me?

That car belongs to Mr Smith.

I love listening to music.

Adjective + preposition

We use a preposition after some adjectives. Some of these adjectives are:

<i>afraid of</i>	<i>fond of</i>
<i>angry about (something)</i>	<i>good at</i>
<i>angry with (someone)</i>	<i>interested in</i>
<i>bad at</i>	<i>keen on</i>
<i>bored with</i>	<i>proud of</i>
<i>careful with</i>	<i>ready for</i>
<i>crazy about</i>	<i>tired of</i>
<i>different from</i>	<i>worried about</i>

Lisa is afraid of spiders.

I'm not very good at tennis.

Dad was very angry with Val.

9 Join the sentences.

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| 1 If you are bored | a about it. It was nothing. |
| 2 He's very different | b about the cake in the oven. It burnt. |
| 3 This book belongs | c of my cousin, Mike. He's always kind to me. |
| 4 Diana is afraid | d about cats. She's already got three. |
| 5 I'm very fond | e on music. He's got hundreds of CDs. |
| 6 Please don't worry | f from his sister. They don't like the same things. |
| 7 Tom is very keen | g of mice. She screams if she sees one. |
| 8 I'm tired | h with this game, we should stop playing. |
| 9 She was on the phone and she forgot | i of waiting. I'm going home! |
| 10 Joan is crazy | j to John. I gave it to him on his birthday. |

10 Complete with a preposition.

- 1 They were talking *about* last week's test.
- 2 Look that painting. Isn't it beautiful?
- 3 Kate told me all her trip to London. She had a great time.
- 4 Dave asked me some money, but I didn't have any.
- 5 That shop belongs Mr Allan, Eve's uncle.
- 6 Have you thanked Matt his present yet?
- 7 I don't see her very often but we write each other once a week.
- 8 You look worried. What are you thinking ?
- 9 Hey! Are you listening me?
- 10 Hurry up. Vicky and Sarah are waiting us.



11 Complete with a preposition.

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|---|---|
| 1 A: Are you afraid <i>of</i> spiders? | B: No. But I think they're disgusting! |
| 2 A: Why is Emma angry Bob? | B: Because he lied to her. |
| 3 A: Can I borrow your camera? | B: Yes. But be very careful it. |
| 4 A: What were you doing at ten? | B: I was getting ready bed. |
| 5 A: Mum, I passed the test! | B: Well done! I'm very proud you! |
| 6 A: She's always been interested Art. | B: I know. She wants to be an artist. |
| 7 A: I'm not very keen their music. | B: Really? I think they're fantastic. |
| 8 A: I'm tired this game! | B: Me too. Come on, let's listen to some music |
| 9 A: Does she like cats? | B: Like them? She's crazy them! |
| 10 A: I'm really bad Geography! | B: Me too. |

12 Complete with a preposition.

- A:** Where's Carol?
B: She's ¹ *in* her room. She's studying for her Geography test.
A: Isn't she coming ² the cinema?
B: No. She says she wants to stay ³ home and study. She's very worried ⁴ that test.
A: Really? But she's always been very good ⁵ Geography.
B: I know. I'm sure she'll do very well this time, too. Well, at least she's coming to Jane's birthday party ⁶ Saturday.
A: Oh, good. So, shall we wait ⁷ Ben or is he going to meet us ⁸ the station?
A: His mum's going to drive him ⁹ the station, so he'll meet us there ¹⁰ six.
B: OK. Let's go, then.

13 Circle the correct answer.

THE HAMSTER CLUB


Are you a hamster owner? If you are proud ¹ your little furry friend and you think you are both ready ² this year's hamster show, then join us ³ March 15th ⁴ 5 p.m. The show will take place ⁵ Mr Hogg's pet shop.

Before the show, hamster owners can talk ⁶ Mr Hogg ⁷ any problems they have with their pets.

If you would like to find out more information about the hamster competition, please ask me ⁸ a leaflet. See you all there!

Mike Brown
President of the hamster club

Our club would like to thank Mr Hogg ⁹ his help.

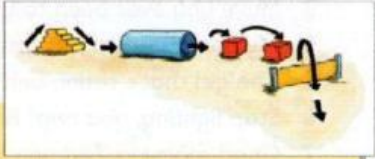



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14 Look at the picture and complete with a preposition.

HAMSTER COMPETITION

The hamster has to go ¹ *up* the steps and stand there for five seconds. Then it has to go ² the steps and get ³ the tunnel. It must come ⁴ the tunnel in five seconds. Then it has to stand ⁵ the first cube. It has to jump ⁶ the first cube ⁷ the second one. Finally, it has to jump ⁸ the fence.

15 Complete the sentences so that they are true about you. Write full answers.

- 1 When is your birthday? *My birthday is*
- 2 Where is your house?
- 3 What do you usually worry about? *I usually worry*
- 4 What are you good at? What are you bad at?
- 5 What are you interested in?
- 6 Who are you fond of?
- 7 What kind of music do you listen to?
- 8 Who are you proud of and why?