Prepositions

You can use *at, on, in* to describe the place or position of something like this:

at a point/place: x *in* an area/space: (x) *on* a surface: x

These prepositions form pairs of opposites:

up	↑	down	↓
into	→ → (→)	out of	(→) → →
over/above	x	under/below	x
in front of	| x x	behind	x x |

Many verbs and adjectives are followed by certain prepositions. You should learn these as you meet them, e.g. *listen to, wait for, good at*

Some verbs have different meanings if they are followed by different prepositions. Always use your dictionary to check them.

Example: look *after*, look *for*, look *at*

a. Fill in the gaps with *at, on, in*.

1. I'll meet you _____ the train station.
2. He is British but he lives _____ Italy.
3. She sat _____ the bed and read the letter.
4. I left my keys _____ home.
5. There is a lot of snow _____ the ground _____ our street.
6. She is a nurse. She works _____ the General Hospital.
7. They live _____ a very nice house _____ the end of the street.
8. Is there any milk _____ the fridge?
9. Leave the books _____ the desk, please.
10. Would you like to sit _____ this table?

b. Underline the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

1. Don't stand *in front of / over* me. I can't see.
2. We are flying *up / over* Paris now. Can you see the Eiffel Tower *behind / below* us?
3. My flat is on the first floor. There are two more floors *above / under* me.
4. I was driving *in front of / behind* a red car. I could see the rear number plate.
5. He took off his clothes and fell *into / out of* the water.
6. They began walking *up / over* the hill. They wanted to visit the castle at the top.

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d. This is what someone said to children who had just arrived at a camp. Choose the correct word A, B, C or D to fill in each gap.

"Welcome to Funway Sports Camp. Before you split (1) _____ groups, let me give you some information (2) _____ the plans for this week. During your time here you will take part (3) _____ twelve different sports activities. (4) _____ the mornings there is a planned programme, but we offer you a choice (5) _____ afternoon activities. You need to sign a list before midday today, saying which sport you are interested (6) _____ You will see the list of activities (7) _____ the wall just as you come (8) _____ the changing rooms. Now, clothes. You can wear your tracksuit (9) _____ most sports but remember to bring shorts and a T-shirt as well in case it's hot. Make sure you have two pairs of sports shoes (10) _____ you, too."

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1.	a. from	b. into	c. out of	d. at
2.	a. for	b. to	c. about	d. of
3.	a. into	b. on	c. at	d. in
4.	a. On	b. In	c. At	d. From
5.	a. of	b. for	c. from	d. about
6.	a. about	b. in	c. for	d. after
7.	a. in	b. on	c. over	d. at
8.	a. on	b. up	c. below	d. out of
9.	a. with	b. for	c. in	d. about
10.	a. on	b. for	c. with	d. from

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