

**The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5)**

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**Name** : \_\_\_key\_\_\_\_\_ **Subject** : English Language

Prepositions

**Date : / / Class : Grade 4 CP (All Sections)**

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**Objective/s:** To identify prepositions and use them correctly.

**Prepositions**

* **Prepositions** tell you where things are in relation to each other.
* A preposition is always followed by a noun, a proper noun or a noun phrase.

Examples: They are sitting **on** chairs.

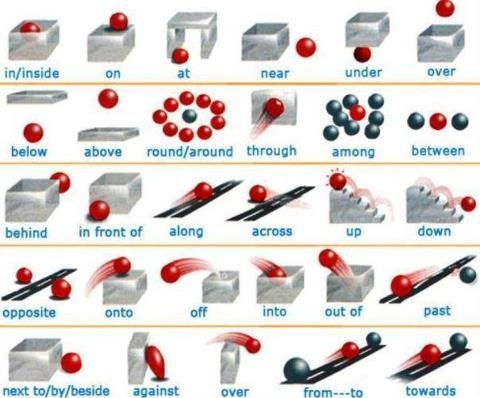
Long ago there lived a great prince **in** Wales.

My book is **under** the papers.

* Some prepositions are generally used for movement, not position.

Example: They quickly got **out of** the bus.

She carefully put the keys **into** her bag and closed it.



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* **Here are some examples of prepositions with their meanings.**

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| **Preposition** | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| **above** | higher than, or over | The sun is **above** the clouds. |
| **across** | from one side to the other | It's dangerous to run **across** the road. |
| **after** | - following something | - The boy ran **after** the ball. |
| **against** | - in contact with | - The sofa is**against** the wall. |
| **before** | - in front of | - He bowed **before** the king. |
| **behind** | -at the back of | - Passengers sit **behind** the driver. |
| **below** | -lower than | -His shorts are **below** his knees. |
| **beside** | -next to | - The bank is **beside** the cinema. |
| **between** | - in the space separating two  things | -Mary sat **between** Tom and Jane. |
| **from** | -where something starts or originates | -The wind is blowing **from** the north. |
| **in** | -at a point within an area | -The pen is **in** the drawer. |
| **over** | - above/across | - The plane flew **over** the Atlantic. |
| **near** | -close to | -The school is **near** the church. |

Note: Do not memorize the meaning of the above mentioned prepositions ( understand them only).

**Exercises:**

Q1. **Underline the preposition in each sentence.**

1. Tala walked across the street.

2. Joelle wandered into the pet store.

3. Jim’s office is near the cafeteria.

4. They walked along the river.

5. The train went through a long tunnel.

6. Andy drove around the block.

7. Under a warm blanket, Pam rested.

8. Stanley sat on his new rocking chair.

**Q2. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.**

1. The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_\_over\_\_\_\_\_\_ the wall. ( over / through / among)
2. A grey squirrel climbed \_\_\_\_\_up\_\_\_ the oak tree. ( up / between / before)
3. Emma wrote a letter \_\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her best friend. ( around / to / after)
4. Since he met his new friend, Jamal never seems to be at home. ( at /against/ on)
5. I found my lost sock \_\_\_\_\_ under\_\_\_\_ my bed. (under / onto / towards)
6. I am waiting for my friend \_\_next to\_ her house. ( from / between / next to)
7. A police helicopter flew over\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the tree. ( off / over / across)
8. The tourists walked \_\_ along\_\_ the famous bridge. ( along/ inside / in)
9. I sat \_\_\_beside\_\_\_\_\_ the famous president. ( above / along / beside)
10. They climbed \_\_ down\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mountain. ( down / below/ under)
11. We live \_\_\_\_opposite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bank. ( opposite/ towards / along)
12. You mustn’t go \_\_\_\_\_across\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this road here. ( into /after / across)
13. They’re walking \_\_\_\_along\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the beach. ( along / under/ in)
14. Maher wandered \_\_\_\_\_\_ around\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mall. ( after / onto / around)
15. The man threw rubbish \_\_\_\_\_\_ into\_\_\_\_\_\_ the river. (behind / into / under)
16. I walked \_\_\_\_\_ towards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the store. ( until / towards / on top of)
17. She rode \_\_\_through\_\_\_\_ the forest on her horse. ( over/ behind /through)
18. The child stared curiously \_\_\_\_\_at\_\_\_\_\_ the lady. ( from / at / to )

* A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun.

**Ex: My dad was over the hill when he turned fifty-one years old**

**Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence below.**

1. We walked up the stairs.
2. My mom took a walk around the block.
3. I looked under my bed.
4. The girl looked behind the door for her friend who was hiding.
5. The man sat on top of the historic rock.
6. We ran through the tall grass.
7. Let’s walk across the field.
8. The confused foreign exchange student leaned against the door.

**Prepositions of time**

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| **English** | **Explanation / Meaning** | **Examples** |
| **on** | * days (of the week) & dates | * *on Sunday; on May 1st* |
| **in** | * months / seasons / year * part of the day * after a period of time | * *in summer / in July / in 2017* * *in the evening* * *in an hour; in the future* |
| **at** | * a specific point of time * exceptions (when?) | * *at 11:15 p.m.; at half past six* * *at noon; at night ; at Christmas* |
| **since** | * from a specific **point** in time until now (past till now) | * *since 1980; since yesterday* |
| **during** | * throughout the course or duration of s.th. | * *during summer; during the vacation;* * *during the discussion* |
| **before** | * previous to in time; **earlier than** | * *before winter; before dawn* |
| **after** | * Subsequent in time; **at a later time**   **than** | * *after midnight; after tomorrow* |
| **until (till)** | * **up to a certain point in time** | * *until Monday* |
| **by** | * not later than | * *by 12 o'clock; by next week* |

1. \_\_\_By\_\_\_ the end of next year, we will have made over £ 100,000. ( on/from /by)
2. She always gets up early \_\_\_\_\_in\_\_\_\_ the morning and goes to bed late \_\_at\_\_\_ night. ( in /at / in / on)
3. I met Donna at a party \_\_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_ Friday. ( at / on/ by)
4. \_\_\_At\_\_\_\_\_\_ noon, we all went to lunch. ( at / in / until)
5. The meeting is \_\_\_\_at\_\_\_\_\_ half past two \_\_\_in\_\_\_the afternoon. ( in /at /from )
6. He’s staying in London \_\_\_\_\_until\_\_\_\_\_\_ the 30th. ( until / over / into)
7. I’ll call you \_\_\_after\_\_\_\_\_\_ I get home. ( during / after / until)
8. I was in France \_\_\_during\_\_\_\_\_\_ the summer.( at /during/ by)
9. It has been raining \_\_\_\_since\_\_\_ yesterday. ( before /since/ after)
10. We always go on holiday \_\_\_\_in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ summer. (in /on/ at)
11. My parents usually go shopping \_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning. ( at /since/ on)
12. I always do my homework \_\_\_in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the evening. ( at /in/ on)
13. Sophia’s birthday is \_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ May 16th. (on /during/ in)
14. I usually get up \_\_\_\_\_at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seven o’clock. ( at /in/ on)
15. Sometimes it snows \_\_\_\_in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ winter. ( at / in / until )