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01. Prepositions

Introduction

Prepositions are words which show the relationship between two words in a sentence. They are very important in English grammar. The rules of preposition and its uses play a prime role in written English.

Prepositions are used to connect nouns, pronouns and phrases in any sentence. The relationship can include direction, place (or a particular point or location), time, manner, cause and amount (or degree).

The preposition is almost always <u>before</u> the noun or pronoun and hence it is called a <u>pre</u>position.

Some examples of prepositions are illustrated below:

- i. The ball is <u>below</u> your bed. below is a preposition which shows place.
- ii. He came <u>by</u> bus. by is a preposition which shows manner.

Forms of Prepositions

There are five forms of prepositions:

- **i. Simple Prepositions:** Simple prepositions are used in simple sentences.
- **e.g.** In, on, at, to, from, with, by etc.
- I am not coming with you.
- **ii. Compound Prepositions:** When we join two connecting nouns, pronouns and phrases then we use compound prepositions.

- **e.g.** About, across, among, between, beside, before etc.
- I will reach there <u>before</u> she leaves.
- iii. **Double Prepositions:** A double preposition is two (prepositional) words used in a sentence to connect nouns, pronouns and phrases with other words in a sentence.
- **e.g.** Outside of, out of, from behind, because of etc.
- It was just <u>because of</u> you that they went to school.
- iv. Participle Prepositions: When a participle (an -ed or -ing verb) is used as a preposition it is known as a participle preposition.
- **e.g.** Concerning, pending, considering assuming, barring, during, given, notwithstanding, provided, regarding.
- I think I can do it easily <u>considering</u> my knowledge.
- v. Phrase Prepositions: A prepositional phrase is a group of words containing a preposition, a <u>noun</u> or <u>pronoun</u> (object of the preposition), and any modifiers of the object.
- **e.g.** According to, in spite of, on account of, in front of, in order to, for the sake of, by means of, with reference to, in addition to, due to etc.
- According to me, there are three members of this company.

Types of Prepositions

Prepositions are mainly of five types: Place, Time, Direction, Movement and Position.

i. **Preposition of Place:** There are three prepositions of Places.

| | • At the end of the page | • At the exit/entrance |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ATE | • At the corner | • At work |
| AT - used for a point of place | • At home | At school |
| | • At the side | |
| IN - used for spaces | In Maharashtra | • In the hall |
| | • In the mall | In my pocket |
| | • In the building | • In the newspaper |
| | • In the sky | |
| | On the table | On the motorcar |
| ON - used for surface tops | On the computer | On the page |
| | • On the bus | • On the radio |
| | On the right/left | • On the way |

Note: There are some exceptions which do not follow these rules.

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ii. **Preposition of Time:** There are two prepositions of Time.

| Note: At night is an exception to this rule. | | At ten o'clock At the moment/this time | • | At 4:30 a.m. At sunrise/noon |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| IN - used for indicating a time period | | In January | • | In 2015 |
| Note: <u>In the morning/afternoon/</u> evening are the exceptions to this rule. | • | In the 90's | • | In this century |

iii. Preposition of Position: There are two prepositions of Position.

| Under/Underneath and Over - used to indicate position that is vertically down or vertically up | | The ball went under the door. The file is underneath the packages. The airplane went over the clouds. |
|--|---|---|
| Below/Beneath and Above - used to indicate position that is lower or higher | • | I saw him standing below the building. We sat beneath the apple tree. |
| | • | They stay above the shop. |

iv. **Preposition of Direction:** There are seven prepositions of Direction.

| To - used to indicate a specific | A place - I am going to the shop. |
|--|--|
| destination destination | An event - Are you going to the dance party? |
| | A person - I am going to your principal to complain |
| | about you. |
| | A position - The kitchen is to your left. |
| Towards - used to show the direction of | Abdul was running towards the bus stop. |
| the destination. | Please turn towards your left to exit. |
| From - used to show the point of origin | She has started from home. |
| (i.e. starting or departure point) | They have left from Mumbai already. |
| | • We are from Chennai. |
| Off - used to indicate either 'being taken | The salesman took the bottle off the shelf. |
| away from' or 'down from' | • The cat fell off the tin roof. |
| For - used to indicate direction only | They will leave for home tomorrow. |
| when the verb indicates the beginning of | My son has already left for Singapore. |
| a movement | |
| Against - used to indicate contact or | • Sona leaned against the wall. |
| pressure | • Father, put the box against the wall. |
| Out of - used to indicate departure from | • Alok went out of the classroom. |
| | • We need to get out of this place. |

v. **Preposition of Movement:** There are six prepositions of Movement.

| Through/Across - used to show the movement from one point to the other | The hunters went through the forest.We went across the road. |
|---|--|
| Into - used to show the movement of going inside | We got into the cinema hall. |
| Onto - used to show the movement on an object. | The coin rolled onto the pavement. |
| Along - used to show the movement that is adjacent in line. | We were walking along the river. |
| In/On/By - used to indicate a means of | They travelled in a ship for the first time. He was the only one who was travelling on foot. We came by bus. |
| Up/Down - used to show the movement across an upper or lower level | Romy and Suzy climbed up the mountain as a challenge. They came down from Vaishno devi temple as fast as they could. |



Preposition Rules

There are two main rules to follow to use prepositions.

- i. Preposition's Choice: Certain prepositions must follow certain words and make the relationships between words in the sentences clear.
- **e.g.** a. Able to
 - b. Capable of
 - c. Preoccupied with
 - d. Prohibited from

These prepositions must follow these words. It would be grammatically incorrect to say "able with" or "capable to"

ii. Preposition's Position: Prepositions are followed by a noun and have an object, and hence they are not used at the end of a sentence.

However, in certain cases the meaning of a sentence can change without the preposition at the end of the sentence.

e.g. "I turned the TV on."

If you removed the "on" from the end of this sentence, it would change the meaning. Instead of switching on the set, one would be saying that one turned the TV itself.

Key To Learning

- i. A preposition is followed by a noun, which includes:
 - a. dog, money, love
 - b. Bangkok, Mary
 - c. you, him, us
 - d. my first job
 - e. swimming
- ii. A preposition is never followed by a verb.
- iii. It is permissible to end a sentence with a preposition.
- iv. It is permissible to begin a sentence with a preposition or a prepositional phrase, but in rare cases only.
- v. If the preposition is required to be followed by a verb, then the "-ing" form is used, which is a gerund or verb in noun form.
- vi. A prepositional phrase always begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun called the object of the preposition.

The most commonly used prepositions are given below:

| 'a' | 'c' | 1' | throughout |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| at | concerning | like | to |
| against | 'd' | 'n' | Toward(s) |
| about | down | near | ʻu' |
| along | during | 'o' | under |

| above | despite | of | underneath |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| among | due to | owing to | until |
| across | 'e' | off | up |
| after | excepting | on behalf of | upon |
| around | except | on | up to |
| 'b' | 'f' | over | 'w' |
| below | for | onto | with |
| but | from | out | within |
| beneath | 'i' | outside | without |
| by | in | 'p' | with |
| | | | regards to |
| beside(s) | | past | |
| because | in front of | r' | |
| of | | | |
| between | into | regarding | |
| before | inside | 's' | |
| beyond | in favour of | since | |
| behind | in spite of | 't' | |
| by | instead of | through | |
| courtesy | | | |
| of | | | |

Solved Exercises

| 1. | Fill in the l | olanks wit | th the correct |
|------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | preposition. | | |
| i. | They went | the zoo las | st week with their |
| | teacher. | _ | |
| ii. | Isaac arrived | work ear | ly this morning |
| iii. | | | him after the |
| 111. | | taikiiig | IIIII arter the |
| | rumours spread. | | |
| iv. | | | the tunnel before |
| | they reach the de | | |
| v. | You better put | a jacket _ | your shirt |
| | because it is reall | y cold today | · . |
| Ans: | i. to | ii. | for |
| | iii. about | iv. | through |
| | v. over | | C |
| 2. | Read the narag | ranh given | below and fill in |
| | | | correct options |
| | | | |
| | | | [CBSE 2014] |
| | A recent research | en gives sn | nokers one more |
| | reason to quit sr | noking. (i) | addition |
| | to affecting the | e lungs, (ii | i) also |
| | damages the eyes | s. The more | cigarettes people |
| | smoke and the (| iii) | they do so, the |
| | greater the risk of | f damaging t | heir eyes. |
| i. | a. In | b. | Along |

d.

b.

d.

b.

d.

ii.

Beside

which

faster

quick

c. it

that

With

frequent

oftener

In

faster

its

it

a.

b.

c.

a.

c.

a.

c.

iii.

ii.

iii.

Ans: i.



| 3. | Insert the app | ropriate preposition in t | he |
|----|------------------|---------------------------|----|
| | following senter | nces: | |
| i. | Slaves sleep | the stables. | |

Jacob was feeling lonely _____ Bella by his ii. side.

Suddenly, as we were near the bus stop, the iii. suspicious car started moving _____ us.

Use the ladder that is leaning _____ the iv.

We have got a house _____ a big garden. v.

Ans: i.

ii. without

iii. towards iv. against

v. with

Fill in the blanks with the correct 4. preposition.

The treasure is buried (on, under, i. in) the two coconut trees.

The secret documents were hidden _____ ii. (inside, at, in) a filing cabinet.

I like to listen _____ (on, at, to) the radio iii. when I wake up.

She left without paying _____ (for, at, in) iv.

A lot of people borrow money _____ (on, V. from, in) the bank.

under Ans: i.

ii. inside

iii. to

for iv.

V. from

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along the correction in the answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example.

One morning I finished one business at the bank and was returning in pick my motorbike which I had left in the parking lot outside. Suddenly he realised that I had lost the bike keys. Upset I searched about it in the bank. A bank employee tried to help me find it, and in vain.

| | Error | Correction |
|-----|-------|------------|
| | One | some |
| i. | | |
| ii. | | |

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Ans:

| | Error | Correction |
|------|-------|------------|
| i. | one | some |
| ii. | in | to |
| iii. | he | Ι |
| iv. | about | for |
| v. | and | but |

- The following passage has one omission in 6. each line. Identify the word and write it along with the words that come before and after the ommission in the answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.
- Self-help is very important. You need to be selfi. reliant and not depend others or wait for others to
- ii. come to your rescue. danger, if we use our presence of mind we can surely reach safety.
- Sometimes we have to face some difficult iii. situations accidents, fires, etc. but, we only need to take
- iv. initiative to find ways to our safety. In short, though help is, our safety is our
- v. responsibility and we should watch out for ourselves waiting for others.

| | Before | Omission | After |
|-----|--------|----------|-------|
| i. | | | |
| ii. | | | |

Ans:

| | Before | Omission | After |
|------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| i. | depend | <u>upon</u> | others |
| ii. | rescue. | In times of | danger |
| iii. | situations | during | accidents |
| iv. | is | at hand, | our |
| V. | ourselves | instead of | waiting |

Practice Exercises

| Gap Fi | lling E | xercises |
|--------|---------|----------|
|--------|---------|----------|

| Oup. | 3 | , Exercises | | | | | | |
|------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---------|-------|------|--------|------|
| 1. | | ose the owing sente | | et pr | eposi | tion | in | the |
| i. | The | classes wi Sundays. | ll be | held | | | (on/at | /in) |
| ii. | | speaker rom/in) car | | be | comi | ng | | |
| iii. | | name of the y/in) the en | | | | ided | | |
| iv. | You | will find (at/by/ | | | | | | is |
| V. | Put it | t | he rig | ht. (in | on/a | t) | | |
| Ans: | i. | on | Ū | | b | | | |
| | iii. | at | | iv | . b | y | | |
| | V. | on | | | | | | |

| 2. | Fill | the | blanks | with | the | correct |
|----|------|---------|--------|------|-----|---------|
| | prep | osition | S. | | | |

| i. | He is interested | (on/at/in) | learning |
|----|------------------|------------|----------|
| | karate. | | |

| ii. | I will pick you up | (on/at/in) 8 a.m. or |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|
| | Monday. | |

| iii. | I am going to lose at least 5 kgs | (on/ |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | at/in) one month. | |

| iv. | I ha | ve | a d | loctor's | appointment | |
|-----|--------|-------|------|----------|-------------|--|
| | (in/or | n/at) | Satu | rday. | | |



| | | | | Dable Crain | mai vzi i repositions |
|--------------|--|-------|--------|---------------------|---|
| v. | Could you get me this shirt (on/at/ | i. | a. | off | b. of |
| | in) a smaller size? | | c. | with | d. from |
| Ans: | | ii. | a. | is | b. are |
| | iii. in iv. on | 11. | | | d. have |
| | v. in | | c. | has | u. Have |
| 3. | Fill the blanks with the correct | iii. | a. | Unless | b. If |
| ٠. | prepositions. | | c. | But | d. Till |
| i. | I am going the market. | | • | 200 | [CBSE 2013] |
| ii. | | Ans: | į | c. with | ii. b. are |
| | Do you want to go a swim? | Alls. | | | II. U. ale |
| 111. | Chandigarh is seventeen hours from here. | | iii. | a. Unless | |
| : , , | | 7. | Fill | in the blank | with the correct |
| 1V. | The plane will take off fifteen minutes. | | prep | ositions. | |
| * 7 | | | T.V. | has brought peop | ple closer than ever |
| V. | The trapped mouse escaped the hole in the wall. | | befor | e, (i) moder | n satellite technology |
| A no. | | | that | connects even the | remotest regions (ii) |
| Ans: | iii. about/ almost iv. in | | | _ | in seconds. While we |
| | | | | | our young people |
| | v. through | | | | their T.V. sets, |
| 4. | Fill the blanks with the correct | | | | or with their textbooks, |
| | prepositions. | | | | e that television has |
| i. | Can I borrow your umbrella a day? | | | | powerful influence, as |
| ii. | I went to sleep 11:00 p.m. last night. | | | |) the lives of |
| iii. | The Gupta's haven't been to their hometown | | | youngsters today. | |
| | last year. | Ans: | | due to | |
| iv. | I have lived in Mumbai many years. | | ii. | of | |
| V. | Don't worry; she will be there an | | iii. | of | |
| | hour. | | iv. | before/in front of | |
| Ans: | i. for ii. at | | V. | in | |
| | iii. since iv. for | | • | 1 | |
| | v. in | 8. | | | g sentences with the |
| 5 | Insert the appropriate proposition in the | | | ect prepositions. | an a tam saamam (i) |
| 5. | Insert the appropriate preposition in the following sentences. | | | her college. (at/ | een a top scorer (i) |
| i. | The teacher walked the classroom. | | | | |
| ii. | My brother stopped a local dhaba to | | but (| dropped down (iii) | one's surprise, she (in, |
| 11. | have his dinner last night. | | nocit | ion (to/on) (iv) | the overall data |
| ;;; | - | | create | ed (as in) (v) | the college dean |
| 111. | The meeting starts 10:30 in the morning. | | (for | by) (vi) | the overall data the college dean. to what may have |
| 137 | The dog jumped the fence. | | cause | ed this degradation | (As/In) (vii) |
| 1V. V. | Go and sit | | | | still unknown. (of/by) |
| Ans: | | | | | the college was |
| Alls. | | | then | told about her | grandfather's demise. |
| | | | | | orry (ix) her |
| | v. down | | | | essed condolences (x) |
| 6. | Complete the paragraph given below by | | | view of this tra | |
| | filling in each of the blanks with the help | | | | classes (xi) |
| | of the options that follow. | | | | eachers to cope (xii) |
| | The Government has announced a unique | | | the syllabus. (fo | |
| | way of curbing dengue fever. Action will be | | | | [CBSE 2012] |
| | taken against owners (i) water | Ans: | i. | in | ii. to |
| | coolers which (ii) found to be | | iii. | to | iv. in |
| | breeding grounds for the Aedes mosquito. | | v. | by | vi. As |
| | "(iii) people take action on this | | vii. | of | viii. of |
| | warning," a government spokesperson said, | | ix. | for | x. in |
| | "dengue fever will grow into an epidemic." | | xi. | by | xii. with |
| | <u> </u> | ı | | J | |