

## PREPOSITIONS

A **PREPOSITION** is a word that shows the relation (connection) of a noun or pronoun to another noun or pronoun in a sentence. There are PREPOSITIONS of place, time and direction. We are going to study them as prepositions only. We are not going to divide them into time, place and direction.

Eg.1. The boys jumped **into** the lake.

‘into’ shows the connection between the ‘boys’ and the ‘lake’.

Eg.2. The bag is **on** the table.

‘on’ shows the connection between the ‘bag’ and the ‘table’.

Eg.3. They stayed **with** us.

‘with’ shows the relation between ‘they’ and ‘us’.

Eg.4. The apple was shared **between** Tom and Sam.

‘between’ shows the relation between the ‘apple’ and ‘Tom’ and ‘Sam’.

Eg.5. He sat **among** his classmates.

‘among’ shows the relation between ‘he’ and ‘classmates’.

## SOME PREPOSITIONS

in, into, on, under, for, of, at, to, by, from, with, near, behind, after, above, below, before, between, among, over, about, across, beside, along, against, upon, beneath, onto, in front of, out of, towards, up, down, inside, outside, till, until (‘till’, ‘until’ are the same), beside

The **red** words are the **PREPOSITIONS**.

The **blue** words are the **Nouns/Pronouns**.

\*Note how the **prepositions** connect the **nouns/ pronouns** in the sentence.

\*Only the related nouns are coloured.

\*The **bird** is **in** the **cage**.

\*He put his **hand** **into** his **pocket**.

\*My **books** are **on** the **desk**.

\*The **river** flowed calmly **under** the **bridge**.

\***We** are going **for** a **holiday** **to** **Goa**.

\***She** died **of** a serious **disease**.

\***They** sat **at** the **table**.

\*The **children** are going **to** the **park**.

\*The **queen** is protected **by** the **guards**.

\*Have **you** come **from** **Chennai**?

- \*I am going **with** my **mother to** the **concert**.
- \***Anil** lives **near** the **bank**.
- \*There's a **lake behind** the **cottage**.
- \*The **fox** ran **after** the **rabbit**.
- \*The **birds** flew **above** the **tree-tops**.
- \*Our **apartment** is **below** **theirs**.
- \***Rina** stood **before** **Rani in** the **line**.
- \*Little **Tommy** sat **between** his **sister** and **brother**.
- \*I found a **rose among** the **daisies**.
- \*The **aircraft** flew **over** **New York City**.
- \*The **movie** is **about** a great **king**.
- \***Tom** ran **across** the **road**.
- \*My **parents** sat **beside** **me**.
- \*We took a **walk along** the **river**.
- \***You** must not lean **against** the **wall**.
- \*The baby rested her **head upon** her mother's **shoulder**.
- \*The **roots** of the plant are **below** the **earth**.
- \*The **monkey** jumped **onto** the **branch**.
- \*Our **cycles** are **in front of** the **garage**.
- \***We** walked **out of** the **hall**.
- \*Let **us** walk **towards** the new **hospital**.
- \***Sonu** ran **up** and **down** the **stairs**.
- \***We** hid **inside** a **cave**.
- \***Sam** stood **outside** the **toy-shop**.
- \***Mrs. Smith** worked **from morning to** **night**.
- \***Charlie** stayed awake **until** **midnight**.
- \*The young **calf** lay **beside** its **mother**.

### EXERCISES

**Q1. Pick out the PREPOSITIONS.**

**Eg. She is suffering from an infection.**

**Ans: from**

- (a)** Lavleen looked at the storybooks.
- (b)** Rohan lives near Mahatma Gandhi Road.
- (c)** The wallet is lying on the table.
- (d)** We will have breakfast at eight o'clock.
- (e)** The puppy was sleeping under the table.
- (f)** Radha gave the ice cream to me.
- (g)** He banged the door behind him.

- (h) The men ran after him.
- (i) My friends stay near my house.
- (j) The rat peeped into the hole.

**Q2. Choose the most suitable PREPOSITION.**

**Eg. The teddy-bear is (between/among/inside) the car and the van.**

**Ans: between**

- (a) The student sat (at/in/on) his desk.
- (b) He got (in/into/on) the taxi.
- (c) The lake (besides/beside/under) our school is filled with fish.
- (d) He arrived (on/at/in) ten o'clock last night.
- (e) We went (among/before/towards) the lake.
- (f) The clouds gathering (over/above/upon) the hill were grey in colour.
- (g) The teacher is standing (at/in/under) her desk.
- (h) The puppy fell (under/on/into) the pool.
- (i) The bus stood (above/in front of/over) the school.
- (j) They walked (above/under/down) the lane.
- (k) We rowed (across/into/above) the lake.
- (l) Come (to/at/from) me as soon as possible.
- (m) He jumped (into/on/at) the pool.
- (n) The dog was crawling (on/in/under) his belly.
- (o) She was standing (beside/outside/on) the pillar.
- (p) A ship was passing (under/on/through) the bridge.
- (q) Take him (to/from/at) a doctor at once.
- (r) I will stay (at/with/on) my friend's house.
- (s) The secret should be kept (between/in/within) the two of us.
- (t) I will return (at/from/on) Agra on Sunday.

**Q3. Fill in the blanks with at, on or in.**

- (a) They are arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.
- (b) He has a meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m.
- (c) The train arrived \_\_\_\_\_ 3 p.m.
- (d) I arrived \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
- (e) He met us \_\_\_\_\_ night.
- (f) She came to meet me \_\_\_\_\_ noon.
- (g) The wedding is \_\_\_\_\_ April.
- (h) The wedding is \_\_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup> April this year.

**Q4. Fill in the blanks with *among* or *between*.**

- (a) She distributed chocolates \_\_\_\_\_ her friends.
- (b) The cat is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ two kittens.
- (c) Sonali is standing \_\_\_\_\_ Salma and Soumya.
- (d) The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the cattle in the field.

**Q5. Fill in the blanks with *to*, *from* or *for*.**

We stayed in Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ eight years. We stayed there \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 \_\_\_\_\_ 2008. \_\_\_\_\_ there, we later shifted \_\_\_\_\_ Jaipur. There, I went \_\_\_\_\_ St. James School. My school timings were \_\_\_\_\_ 8 am. to 2 pm. Our summer vacation was \_\_\_\_\_ almost two months and during that period , we visited Delhi. After the vacation we returned \_\_\_\_\_ Jaipur in July.

**Q6. Fill in the blanks with *on*, *over*, *under*, *above* or *below* (use each word once).**

- (a) The dog is hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- (b) There is an alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- (c) The train ran \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge.
- (d) The bird flew \_\_\_\_\_ the building.
- (e) Our apartment is \_\_\_\_\_ theirs.

**Q7. Fill in the blanks with *in*, *into*, or *out of*.**

- (a) Raman jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the swimming pool.
- (b) He did not want to swim so he came \_\_\_\_\_ the water.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ our country we celebrate many festivals.
- (d) Mother keeps her ornaments \_\_\_\_\_ her locker.
- (e) The dog went \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen but mother sent it out.

**Q8. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct prepositions from below.**

**behind    under    into    outside    up    in    at    with  
beside    inside    above    below    between    on    to**

- (a) I had to climb \_\_\_\_\_ the tree to get him down.
- (b) Mother said that she would pick us up \_\_\_\_\_ 5pm.
- (c) The moon disappeared \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds.
- (d) I sit \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend in class.
- (e) The cat crawled \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.

- (f) I was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ mom and dad.  
(g) He came \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom with a bundle of charts.  
(h) \_\_\_\_\_ the box was a beautiful ring.  
(i) My teacher parks his car \_\_\_\_\_ the school.  
(j) The book is kept \_\_\_\_\_ the table.  
(k) The eagle was flying \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds.  
(l) The diver dived \_\_\_\_\_ the surface of the water.  
(m) Mr. Mehta fell \_\_\_\_\_ the swimming pool.  
(n) My coach jogs \_\_\_\_\_ the Jogger's Park.  
(o) The flight \_\_\_\_\_ Port Blair was delayed.  
(p) Tinker Bell was locked \_\_\_\_\_ a cage.  
(q) The treasure is hidden \_\_\_\_\_ a secret place.  
(r) He stayed \_\_\_\_\_ us during the vacation.  
(s) Please give your answer sheets \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher.  
(t) The teacher left the books \_\_\_\_\_ the staffroom.

**Q9. REMEMBER when you make a sentence using a preposition, the preposition must relate or connect a noun or pronoun to another noun or pronoun. Refer to the examples of sentences. You must write sentences of your own.**

**Make a good sentence with the preposition (Do not repeat)**

- (a) under (b) to (c) near (d) below (e) over (f) beginning with 'a'.  
(g) beginning with 'o'. (h) beginning with 'u'. (i) beginning with 'b'.  
(j) 'in front of'.

**DO YOUR HONEST BEST**