
GRAMMAR

PREPOSITIONS

I Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

1. The public are cautioned _____ pickpockets.
2. You boys must settle it _____ yourselves.
3. Do not cry _____ split milk.
4. The exercise was written _____ me _____ a camlin pen.
5. I shall do it _____ pleasure.

II. Choose the correct or most appropriate prepositions:

1. The thieves broke the window and climbed (across/over/through) it.
2. He was the first man to row single-handed (across/over/along) it.
3. She made her way up the hill (across/along/through) a narrow path.
4. What would you like to drink (at/with/by) your meal.
5. Thank you very much (to/for/about) your help.
6. It shouldn't take long to repair your watch. Come back _____
(after/in/about) half an hour and I'll have it ready for you.

III. Fill in the blanks with suitable gerunds:

1. Shivani likes _____ bananas.
2. I like _____ the Ramayana.
3. She began _____ rapidly.
4. It is no use _____ now.
5. The safe showed no signs of _____ been touched.
6. I missed _____ her.
7. Car _____ and weight _____ are my hobbies.

IV. Active and passive voice:

A) Rewrite the following sentences putting the verbs , given in the brackets, in the appropriate passive voice form:

1. Appointment letters _____ to all the candidates. (sent)
 2. About 50,000 people _____ in the earthquake in Pakistan last month. (kill)
 3. The doctor _____ immediately. (sent for)
 4. The food _____ nicely .Everyone enjoyed it. (cook)
 5. The letter must _____ today. (post)
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B) Change the voice:

1. The people regarded him as an imposter and called him a villain.
2. Shall I ever forget these happy days.
3. Do not insult the meek.
4. I saw him opening the box.
5. You are being watched very carefully by me.
6. He was refused admittance by the guard.
7. My watch was lost.
8. The information is kept on our computer.
9. A chair was handed to her.
10. By whom was this done?

C) Use the given set of instructions to complete the paragraph that follows:

- * Put the carrots, butter and sugar in a pan and season.
- * Pour in some water to cover the carrots.
- * Bring the mixture to a simmer, cover and cook for about 15 minutes.
- * Increase the heat to high and cook until all the water has evaporated and the carrots are glazed.

The carrots, butter and sugar (1) _____ in a pan and (2) _____. Then some water (3) _____ to cover the carrots. The mixture is then (4) _____ and _____ for about 15 minutes. The heat is then (5) _____ to high and the mixture (6) _____ until all the water is evaporated.

V. Reported Speech:

A) Rewrite the following sentences into Indirect speech:

1. "German is easy to learn", she said.
 2. The poor man exclaimed, "Will none of you help me?"
 3. The young sparrow said, "Mother, what is that queer object?"
 4. The Prince said "It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening".
 5. "Call the first witness", said the judge.
 6. Mohan said to Lata, "Let us see some good movie".
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- 7.He said, “I have bought a new T.V set. Have you seen it?”
 - 8.She said to her friends, “Let us enjoy boating in the river”.
 - 9.Alice said, “How clever I am!”
 - 10.He said, “Will you listen to such a man?”

B) Rewrite the following into Direct Speech:

- 1.I asked him if I had to talk to her.
- 2.Mohan warmly invited me to have a cup of tea with him.
- 3.He said that he was glad to be there that evening.
- 4.He said that the horse had died in the night.
- 5.She asked me where I lived.

C) Report the following conversation in your own words:

- Sita : Mohan, have you bought my book?
Mohan : Sorry, I haven't.
Sita : Please go and bring it now.

D) Read the following conversation between Nitu and Poonam . Thereafter complete the report that Poonam gave to her father.

- Nitu : Are you going somewhere during the autumn break?
Poonam : Yes we are, but we haven't decided where to go.
Nitu : Where have you decided to go?
Poonam : To Manali. It is a beautiful place where we can relax and enjoy.

Yesterday Nitu called on me . She asked me (i)_____. I replied that we were but (ii)_____. At this Nitu asked me (iii)_____.
I replied that (iv)_____ and father told (v) _____.

Writing Tasks

- I. Jaya Academy Rishikesh is organizing a fete to raise funds for its new Auditorium. Draft an attractive poster inviting people to make the fete a grand success. Give all the necessary details.
 - II. Write a letter to your uncle congratulating him on his 10th birthday.
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III. You are Bushan /Bindu Gupta of 9, University road, Kurukshetra. Write a letter in about 150 words to your uncle, thanking him for sending you a wrist watch as a birthday gift.

IV. Yesterday four people (a man, a woman and two children) were killed in a train car collision at an unmanned railway crossing . This was the second in three months. As the staff correspondent of the 'Herald', write a report of the accident and the protest in not more than 200 words.

V. Write a letter to the editor of a news paper, expressing your concern about the drainage problem in your area. State some of the reasons for the drainage block and what can be done by the citizens as well as the authorities.
