

Preposition Exercises

Definition: A preposition is a word placed before a noun or a pronoun to show in what relation the person or thing denoted by it stands in regard to something else.

or example:

- There is a cow in the field.
- He is fond of tea.
- The cat jumped off the chair.

In Sentence 1, the preposition joins a noun to another noun;

In Sentence 2, the preposition joins a noun to an Adjectives,

In Sentence 3, the preposition joins a noun to a verb.

The noun or pronoun which is used with a preposition is called its objects. It is an Accusative case and is said to be governed by the preposition.

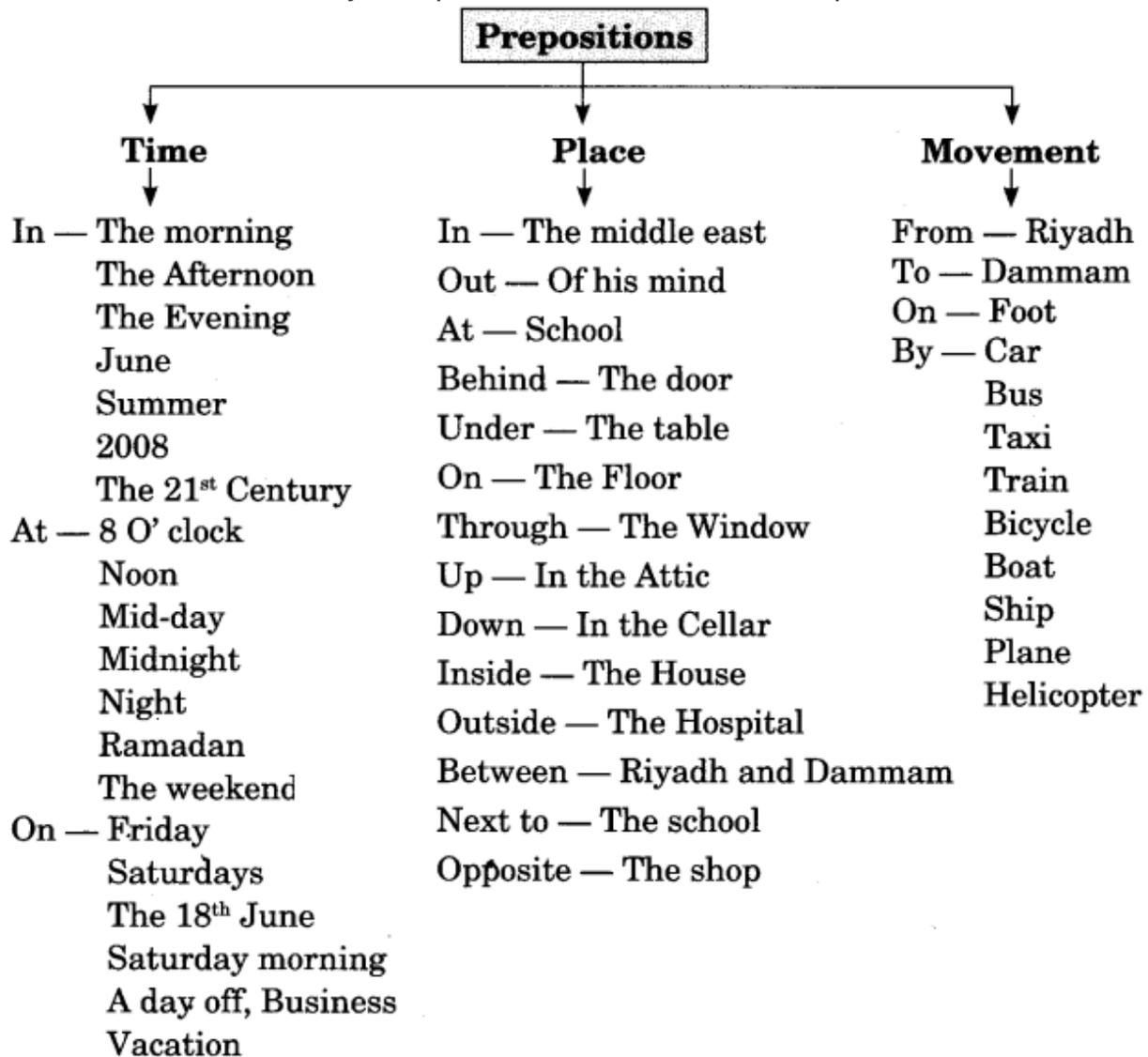
As, in sentence 1, the noun field is in the Accusative case, governed by the preposition in.

A preposition may have two or more objects; as, the road runs over hill and plain.

A preposition is usually placed before its object, as, which of these chairs did you sit on?

Note 1: When the object is the Relative pronoun that, as in sentence 1, the preposition is always placed at the end.

Note 2: Sometimes the object is placed first for the sake of emphasis.



Exercise on preposition – buses

Question 1.

Complete the exercise with the correct prepositions.

- (i) If you want to go _____ bus, you have to go the bus stop.
- (ii) You look _____ the time table.
- (iii) Then you wait _____ your bus.
- (iv) When the bus arrives. You get _____ the bus.
- (v) You buy a ticket _____ the driver or show your ticket _____ the driver.
- (vi) When you arrive. _____ your destination, you get _____ the bus.
- (vii) Sometimes you even have to change buses _____ another bus stop.

Answer:

- (i) by, to
- (ii) at
- (iii) for
- (iv) on
- (v) from, to
- (vi) off
- (vii) at

Question 2.

Complete the exercise with the correct prepositions.

- (i) Look _____ this painting.
- (ii) _____ the painting, you can see a little girl.
- (iii) So, it is a painting _____ a girl.
- (iv) A famous painter painted it. So it is a painting _____ a famous painter.
- (v) My grandma once owned the painting, but she gave it to me on my birthday. So it is a picture _____ my grandma.



Answer:

- (i) at
- (ii) In
- (iii) of
- (iv) by
- (v) from

Question 3.

Fill in the correct prepositions,

- (i) Peter is playing tennis _____ Sunday.
- (ii) My brother's birthday is _____ the 5th of November.
- (iii) My birthday is _____ May.
- (iv) We are going to see my parents _____ the weekend.
- (v) _____ 1666, a great fire broke out in London.
- (vi) I don't like walking alone in the streets _____ night.
- (vii) What are you doing _____ the afternoon?
- (viii) My friend has been living in Canada _____ two years.

- (ix) I have been waiting for you _____ seven o'clock.
(x) I will have finished this essay _____ Friday.

Answer:

- (i) on
(ii) on
(iii) in
(iv) at
(v) In
(vi) at
(vii) in
(viii) for
(ix) since
(x) by

1. Complete the exercise according to the picture.



1. _____ the picture, I can see Santa Claus and a girl.
2. Santa is sitting _____ a chair.
3. The girl is standing _____ Santa.
4. Santa and the girl are looking _____ each other.
5. The girl has a present _____ her hands. the girl, there is a Christmas tree.
6. There are more presents _____ the tree.
7. Santa's big bag is lying _____ the floor.

2. Complete the sentences using prepositions.

1. Jiwan soon rowed _____ the river and tied _____ the boat _____ the other side.

2. _____ both sides _____ the lonely road there were endless mighty trees.
3. _____ the holidays I intend to visit many places which I have heard _____ friends who have been _____ those places.
4. The new dam that was built _____ the river produces electricity _____ many parts of the country.
5. I made an urgent request _____ their help to look _____ the key _____ the storeroom.
6. He parked his car _____ a line of parked cars _____ the building.
7. _____ about two weeks we're going _____ holiday _____ the Sahara Desert.
8. I expect to return _____ Shanghai _____ about a week's time to continue _____ my pioneering research _____ why frogs croak _____ night and not _____ the daytime.
9. Water splashed _____ my face when the bottle slipped _____ my hand and dropped _____ the basin full _____ water.
10. _____ the past few weeks, I was _____ hospital recovering _____ a mysterious illness. I was well looked _____ _____ doctors and nurses.

Word Search

- Write the preposition in the space provided.
- Find the word in the word search puzzle.
(Word only run across and down.)

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