



Preposition

A preposition is a word used to link nouns, pronouns or phrases to other words within a sentence. They are normally placed directly in front of nouns.

e.g. I prefer to read in the library.

He climbed up the ladder to get into the attic.

He swam across the pool.

Types of Preposition

Simple Preposition ⇒ On, in, into, to, from, by, with etc.

Compound Preposition ⇒ Among, between, about, before, beside etc.

Phrasal Preposition ⇒ Due to, despite, in spite of, in front of, in addition to etc.

Uses of some prepositions with examples

1. On

- Used to express position of an object.
e.g. I put an egg on the kitchen table.
The paper is on my desk.
- Used to specify days and dates.
e.g. The garbage truck comes on Wednesday.
I was born on the 14th June in 1988.

2. At

- Used to point out specific time.
e.g. I will meet you at 12:00 pm.
I get up at 7:00 am.
- Used to indicate place.

e.g. There is a party at the club house.

We saw a baseball game at the stadium.

- Used to indicate an activity.
e.g. He laughed at my acting.
I am good at drawing a portrait.
- Used to show the rate.
e.g. Apple is sold at ₹ 80 a kg.
Milk is sold at ₹ 50 a litre.

3 In

- Used to indicate a belief, opinion, interest or feeling.
e.g. I believe in the next life.
We are not interested in gambling.
- Used to indicate time or the seasons.
e.g. Chitra was born in July.

I went there in the summer.

- Used to indicate occupation and activities.
e.g. He works in a private limited company.
He is busy in his exams.

4. Upon

- Used to indicate a movement which is on something.
e.g. My whole future depend upon the decision of the manager.
Cars move upon the rough roads.

5. Into

- Used to indicate a position in or inside something.
e.g. Come into the house.
She dived into the water.

- Used to show a change in state.
e.g. The fruit can be made into jam.
They came into power in 2008.
- Used in the direction of something.
e.g. Speak clearly into the microphone.
Driving into the sun, we had to shade our eyes.

6. To

- Used to indicate the change in place.
e.g. Jamil walks to work every day.
She went to Shimla.
- Used to indicate relationship.
e.g. This letter is very important to your admission.
My answer to your question is in this envelop.
- Used to compare two nouns or pronouns.
e.g. She is senior to me.
I am junior to my sister.

7. By

- Used to indicate mode of transport.
e.g. She went to Noida by bus.
He go to office by car.
- Used to indicate time.
e.g. He will complete the task by Tuesday.
They will come back by next month.
- Used to show doer.
e.g. She was beaten by her mother.
Buses run by diesel.

8. With

- Used to indicate the relation with tools.
e.g. He is writing on blackboard with a chalk.
I will beat him with a stick.
- Used to indicate the togetherness.

- e.g. I eat with her.
She could not play with me.

9. From

- Used to indicate the source of something.
e.g. Milk comes from buffaloes.
I love the verses from Macbeth.
- Used to indicate positional relation.
e.g. He had come from the office.
Aliens came from the space.

10. Between

- Used to talk about two nouns/pronouns are available.
e.g. Distribute the candies between Sonu and Monu.
Don't let it come between us.

11. Among

- Used to indicate possession in more than two nouns or pronouns.
e.g. The house is nestled among the trees.
He lived among artist and writers.

12. About

- Used to describe or to say something.
e.g. The girl is saying about the movie.
She knew about the tactics.

13. Before

- Used to show the order of the two or more events that has taken place one after another.
e.g. Ravi came here before Adil.
I came first before you.

14. In front of

- Used to show the position of a noun/pronoun when it is opposite to other noun/pronoun.
e.g. His office is in front of a market.
My house is in front of the temple.

Practice Exercise

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-30) *Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition from the options.*

1. The lion is sitting the tree.
(a) under (b) on (c) in (d) at
2. The television is the table.
(a) in (b) under (c) at (d) on
3. The principal came our classroom.
(a) into (b) to (c) on (d) by
4. There was a meeting my office.
(a) on (b) from (c) at (d) with
5. You should get up 6 in the morning.
(a) at (b) in (c) from (d) to
6. The student is his class.
(a) in (b) on (c) to (d) of
7. The man went a village to search a job.
(a) from (b) in (c) to (d) at
8. The thieves were caught the police.
(a) with (b) by (c) from (d) in
9. Sahil is senior me.
(a) to (b) from (c) in (d) of
10. The dog was tied a rope to a tree.
(a) by (b) with (c) to (d) from
11. He did not look us.
(a) in (b) at (c) on (d) upon
12. The girl does not want to go anywhere that boy.
(a) to (b) from (c) with (d) of
13. The story is being read the teacher.
(a) by (b) at (c) of (d) from
14. His cycle was out of order so he had to go to school foot.
(a) in (b) on (c) with (d) by
15. The train was running 60 kms an hour.
(a) in (b) from (c) at (d) with
16. You will have to talk your principal.
(a) of (b) from (c) at (d) to
17. The war was being fought two countries.
(a) among (b) with (c) in (d) between
18. You should divide these apples the students.
(a) between (b) in (c) among (d) to
19. My father sent a gift me.
(a) to (b) for (c) at (d) about
20. Last year his younger brother died cancer.
(a) about (b) form (c) in (d) of
21. The boy was standing the principal.
(a) before (b) to (c) from (d) after
22. In the office everybody is talking his accident.
(a) with (b) about (c) to (d) at
23. We have bought this house ₹ 1000000.
(a) in (b) for (c) with (d) of
24. This ring is made gold.
(a) of (b) from (c) with (d) in
25. He did not jump the river.
(a) from (b) on (c) upon (d) into
26. Meerut is famous scissors.
(a) of (b) for (c) to (d) in
27. The cat was jumping the table.
(a) on (b) of (c) upon (d) to
28. I stood the school building.
(a) in front of (b) after
(c) to (d) from
29. Both the girls were not ready to divide the money themselves.
(a) to (b) between
(c) among (d) in
30. Our school will reopen Monday.
(a) of (b) from (c) in (d) at

Answers

1	(a)	2	(d)	3	(a)	4	(c)	5	(a)	6	(a)	7	(c)	8	(b)	9	(a)	10	(b)
11	(b)	12	(c)	13	(a)	14	(b)	15	(c)	16	(d)	17	(d)	18	(c)	19	(b)	20	(d)
21	(a)	22	(b)	23	(b)	24	(a)	25	(d)	26	(b)	27	(c)	28	(a)	29	(b)	30	(b)