

Dear Parents / Students

Due to the unprecedented situation, Knowledgeplus Training center is mobilized and will keep accompanying and supporting our students through this difficult time. Our Staff will be continuously, sending notes and exercises on a weekly basis through what's app and email. Students are requested to copy the notes and do the exercises on their copybooks. The answers to the questions below will be made available on our website on knowledgeplus.mu/support.php by 27th March 2020. Please note that these are extra work and notes that we are providing our students and all classes will be replaced during the winter vacation. We thank you for your trust and are convinced that, together, we will overcome these troubled times.

ENGLISH (Grade 9) – Extra Notes and homework. Week 1

Prepositions

Prepositions are words which show the relationship between a noun or a pronoun object and some other words in the sentence.

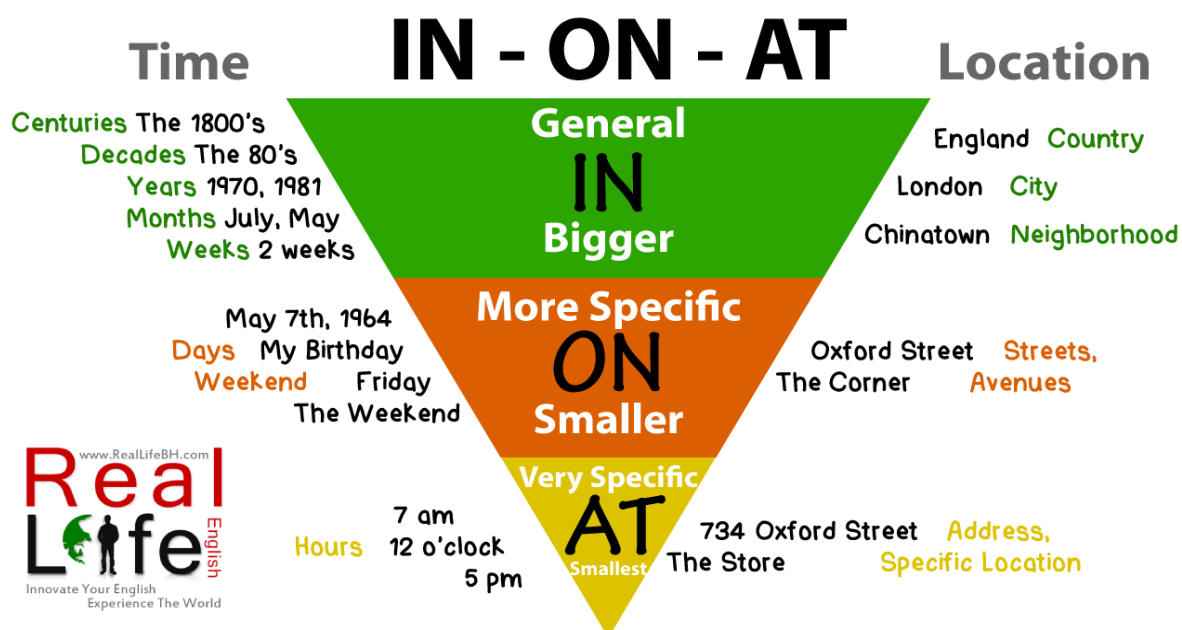
They are always followed by nouns or pronouns.

They are called "the biggest little words" in English because they have very important functions.

Three Groups of Prepositions:

- a. Prepositions of place, position and direction.
- b. Prepositions of time.
- c. Prepositions for other relationships.

SOME COMMON PREPOSITIONS				
PLACE	POSITION	DIRECTION	TIME	OTHER
above across along among at away from behind below beside between	beyond by down from in in front of inside into near off	on opposite out (of) outside over around through to towards under up	after before at by for during from in	except as like about with without by for



(The inverted pyramid above shall help you understand better on the use of prepositions.)

PREPOSITIONS + ADJECTIVES

Some prepositions are used with certain adjectives. Here are some examples:

1. He is **absent from** school today.
2. She is **afraid of** the Alsatian dog.

EXERCISE 1

Put in the correct preposition (at, in, on, or no preposition):

Preposition of Time

1. Lucy is arriving ____ February the 13th ____ 8 o'clock ____ the morning.
2. The weather is often terrible in London ____ January.
3. It's better to get a taxi if you are out alone ____ night.
4. She got married ____ September.
5. They usually go to the south of France ____ the summer.
6. Columbus sailed to the Americas ____ the 16th century.
7. The Beatles were popular ____ the 1960s.
8. I graduated from university ____ 2001.
9. His birthday is ____ June.
10. I usually go to my parents' house ____ Christmas. We eat turkey together ____ Christmas Day.

Verbs and Prepositions

Some verbs need a preposition before an object or another verb. The preposition is only grammatical, so it doesn't change the meaning of the verb.

Here are some of the most common ones:

-arrive at / in somewhere

We arrived at the airport.

We arrived in London.

-belong to somebody

This book belongs to me.

-borrow something from somebody

I borrowed a book from my classmate.

-concentrate on something / doing something

I concentrated on studying at the weekend.

-depend on something / somebody

It depends on the weather.

-explain something to somebody

The teacher explained the exercise to the students.

-listen to something / somebody

I listened to music.

-pay somebody for something

I paid the waiter for the coffee.

-wait for somebody / something

Wait for me!

-worry about somebody / something

Don't worry about a thing!

EXERCISE 2

Prepositions of Time

Put in the correct preposition (at, in, on, or no preposition):

1. There was a loud noise which woke us up _____ midnight.
2. Do you usually eat chocolate eggs _____ Easter?
3. What are you doing _____ the weekend?
4. _____ last week, I worked until 9pm _____ every night.
5. My father always reads the paper _____ breakfast time.
6. She plays tennis _____ Fridays.
7. The trees here are really beautiful _____ the spring.
8. I'll see you _____ Tuesday afternoon, then.
9. Shakespeare died _____ 1616.
10. She studies _____ every day.
11. John is going to buy the presents _____ today.
12. In my hometown the shops open early _____ the morning.
13. She met her husband _____ 1998.
14. The party is _____ next Saturday.

15. We are meeting _____ Friday morning.
16. I often get sleepy _____ the afternoon.
17. His daughter was born _____ the 24th of August.
18. Mobile phones became popular _____ the nineties.
19. The meeting will take place _____ this afternoon.
20. Luckily the weather was perfect _____ her wedding day.

EXERCISE 3

Verbs and Prepositions

Put in the correct preposition:

1. It's so noisy – I can't concentrate _____ my homework.
2. Don't worry – I'll pay _____ the tickets.
3. The car belongs _____ my father, so I don't think we can use it.
4. I borrowed a pen _____ my classmate.
5. I've been waiting _____ the bus for more than twenty minutes!
6. Julie: "What time shall we eat dinner?"
Gill: "It depends _____ John – we'll eat when he gets home".

7. When we arrived _____ the cinema, the film had already started.
8. Please explain this problem _____ us.
9. She was listening _____ the radio when the doorbell rang.
10. John worries _____ his exam results all the time.
11. My flatmate listens _____ a lot of jazz.
12. David paid _____ the drinks.
13. Who does that house belong _____?
14. Don't worry _____ Gemma, she'll be fine.
15. She borrowed a jumper _____ Julie.
16. Please be quiet – I need to concentrate _____ this book.
17. I want to go to the beach tomorrow but it depends _____ the weather.
18. Who are you waiting _____?
19. When will we arrive _____ Beijing?
20. The policeman explained _____ the children why they should never run across a road.

EXERSICE 4

Adjectives and Prepositions

Put in the correct preposition:

1. England is famous _____ its rainy weather.
2. I'm very proud _____ my daughter, she worked very hard.
3. He isn't really interested _____ getting married.
4. Luke is very pleased _____ his exam results.
5. Unfortunately, I'm very bad _____ music.
6. I've been married _____ my husband for 10 years.
7. She's very excited _____ the party.
8. Julie is very different _____ her sister.
9. My niece is afraid _____ dogs.
10. A ball gown is similar _____ an evening dress.
11. What is your town famous _____?
12. It's great you got that job - you should be proud _____ yourself. similar _____ yours.

EXERSICE 5

Prepositions of Place

1. The wine is _____ the bottle. 2. Pass me the dictionary, it's _____ the bookshelf. 3. Jennifer is _____ work. 4. Berlin is _____ Germany. 5. You have something _____ your face. 6. Turn left _____ the traffic lights. 7. She was listening to classical music _____ the radio. 8. He has a house _____ the river. 9. The answer is _____ the bottom of the page. 10. Julie will be _____ the plane now. 11. There are a lot of magnets _____ the fridge. 12. She lives _____ London. 13. John is _____ a taxi. He's coming. 14. I'll meet you _____ the airport. 15. She stood _____ the window and looked out. 16. The cat is _____ the house somewhere. 17. Why you calling so late? I'm already _____ bed. 18. I waited for Lucy _____ the station. 19. There was a picture of flowers _____ her T-shirt. 20. She has a house _____ Japan.