

Bài 12 :

Giới Từ PREPOSITIONS

Giới từ (preposition) là từ dùng để nối danh từ (noun) hoặc đại từ (pronoun) với những thành phần khác trong câu.

- He goes **to** school every day.
- I usually get up **at** six o'clock.
- He's been waiting **for** her **since** early morning.

[A] : **Một số giới từ chỉ thời gian thông dụng.** (Some common prepositions of time)

* **AT** : Ta dùng **at** với năm thời gian (times)

at 5 o'clock at 11.45 at midnight at noon at lunchtime

- Tom usually leaves work **at** 5 o'clock.

Ta cũng dùng **at** trong những trường hợp sau:

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| At night | - I don't like going out at night. |
| At the weekend / at weekends | - Will you be here at the weekend? |
| At Christmas / at Easter | - We give each other presents at Christmas. |
| At the moment / at present | - Mr Benn is busy at the moment. |
| At the same time | - Ann and I arrived at the same time. |
| At the age of... | - Tom left school at the age of 16 / at 16. |

* **ON** : Ta dùng **on** với ngày trong tuần (days) và ngày trong tháng (dates)

on March 12th on Friday on Christmas Day

- They got married **on** March 12th.

Ta cũng có thể nói :

**on Friday morning(s) on Sunday afternoon(s) on Saturday night(s)
on the morning of the fifth ...**

- I usually go out **on** Sunday evenings.

* **IN** : Ta dùng **in** với khoảng thời gian dài hơn : tháng (months), năm (years), mùa (seasons):

**in April in 1968 in (the) winter
in the 18th century in the 1970s in the Middle Ages**

Ta cũng có thể nói :

in the morning(s) in the afternoon(s) in the evening(s)
- I'll see you **in** the morning. (những I'll see you **on** Friday morning.)

Ta không nên dùng **at / on / in** trước **last** và **next**:

- I'll see you **next** Friday.
- They got married **last** March.

Nếu sau **in** là một khoảng thời gian thì thời gian đó là tương lai:

- The train will leave **in** a few minutes. (= a few minutes from now)
- Jack's gone away. He'll be back **in** a week. (= a week from now.)
- They are getting married **in** six months.

[B]: **Một số giới từ chỉ vị trí thông dụng.** (Some common prepositions of position)

* **AT** : Ta dùng **at** khi ta muốn nói ai đó đang ở một nơi nào đó (someone is at an event) như :

**at a party at a meeting at a conference
at a concert at a football match at a cinema**

- *Were there many people at the party?*
- *I saw Jack at the football match on Saturday.*

Chuông ta nòi :

at home	at university	at the seaside	in bed
on a farm	at work	at a station	at sea (on a voyage)
in hospital	at school	at an airport	in prison

- *Julia is studying medicine at university.*
- *Tom's father is in hospital.*
- *Have you ever worked on a farm?*

* **IN** : Ta duong **in** vôi thaonh phoá (cities) vaø laøng maïc (villages).

- *His parents live in London.*
- *He was born in a small village near Manchester.*

Ta thöông nòi :

in a room	in a building	in the water	in a row /in a line
in a garden	in a park	in the sea	in a queue
in a town	in a country	in a river	in an armchair
in a picture	in a photograph	in a mirror	in the sky
in your hand	in a newspaper	in your hand	in the mountain

- *"Who is that woman in that photograph ?"*
- *It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.*
- *Don't sit in that armchair. It's broken. (nhöng Don't sit on that chair.)*

at the top	at the end of the street	at the back	at the bus stop
at the bottom	at the corner of the street	at the front	at the door

- *Who is that man standing at the door ?*
- *Write your name at the top of the page.*
- *Jack's house is a white one at the end of the street.*
- *There's a telephone box at / on the corner of the street.*

Nhông : - *The television is in the corner of the room.*

on the ceiling	on the wall	on the floor	on a page
on a board	on a shelf	on a chair	on your nose
on the left	on the right	on the ground	on the beach
on an island	on the coast	on a road	on the way

- *In Britain we drive on the left. (...on the left-hand side.)*
- *Our flat is on the second floor of the building.*
- *Tom spent his holiday on a small island off the coast of Scotland.*

[C] : **Giöuì töø theo sau tính töø** : (Prepositions following Adjectives.)

Coù moät soá tính töø maø theo sau chuông buoäc phaui coù nhöông giöuì töø nhaát ñönh naøo ñoù (theo caáu truùc **Adjective + preposition**). Haõy hoïc thuoäc loøng caùc nhöùm tính töø döôùi ñây :

* **nice / kind / good / generous / mean / stupid / silly / intelligent / clever / (im)polite / rude / unreasonable** **OF** **someone (to do something)** :

- *Thank you. It was very **kind of** you to help me.*

- It's **stupid of** her to go out without a coat. She'll catch cold.

Những : (to be) **nice / kind / good / generous / mean/ (im)polite / rude/ (un)pleasant / (un)friendly / cruel TO someone :**

- She's always been very **nice to** me.
- Why were you so **rude to** Ann?

- * **angry / annoyed / furious ABOUT something**
angry / annoyed / furious WITH someone FOR doing something
 - What are you so **angry about** ?
 - They were **furious with** me **for** not inviting them to the party.

- * **delighted / pleased / satisfied / disappointed WITH something :**
 - I was **pleased with** the present you gave me.
 - Were you **disappointed with** your examination results?

- * **bored / fed up WITH something :**
 - You get **bored with** doing the same thing every day.

- * **surprised / shocked / amazed / astonished AT / BY something**
 - Everybody was very **surprised at** the news.

- * **excited / worried / upset ABOUT something :**
 - Are you **excited about** going on holiday next week ?
 - Ann is **upset about** not being invited to the party.

- * **afraid / frightened / terrified / scared OF someone / something :**
 - "Are you **afraid of** dogs ?" – "Yes, I'm **terrified of** them."

- * **proud / ashamed OF someone / something :**
 - I'm not **ashamed of** what I did. In fact I'm quite **proud of** it."

- * **jealous / envious / suspicious OF someone / something :**
 - Why are you always **jealous of** other people?
 - He didn't trust me. He was **suspicious of** my intentions.

- * **aware / conscious OF something :**
 - "Did you know they were married ?" – "No, I wasn't **aware of** that."

- * **good / bad / excellent / brilliant / hopeless AT (doing) something :**
 - I'm **good at** repairing things.

- * **married / engaged TO someone :**
 - Linda is **married to** an American.

- * **sorry ABOUT something :**
 - I'm **sorry about** the noise last night. We were having a party.

Những : sorry **FOR** doing something :

- I'm **sorry for** shouting at you yesterday.

Những cách nói khác thì ngược lại : **I'm sorry I ...**

- **I'm sorry I** shouted at you yesterday.

- * (feel / be) **sorry FOR someone** :
- I feel **sorry for** George. He's got no friends and no money.
- * **impressed BY / WITH something** :
- I wasn't very **impressed by** the film.
- * **famous FOR something** :
- Florence is **famous for** its art treasures.
- * **responsible (TO someone) FOR something** :
- Who was **responsible for** all that noise last night ?
- I'll be **responsible to** the principal **for** my teaching.
- * **different FROM (or TO) someone / something** :
- The film was quite **different from** what I expected.
- * **interested IN something** :
- Are you **interested in** art and architecture?
- * **capable / incapable OF something** :
- I'm sure you are **capable of** passing the examination.
- * **fond OF someone / something** :
- Mary is **very fond of** animals. She has three cats and two dogs.
- * **full OF something** :
- The letter I wrote was **full of** mistakes.
- * **short OF something** :
- I'm a bit **short of** money. Can you lend me some?
- * **tired OF something** :
- Come on, let's go. I'm **tired of** waiting.
- * **keen ON something** :
- We stayed at home because Ann wasn't very **keen on** going out in the rain.
- * **similar TO something** :
- Your handwriting is **similar to** mine.
- * **crowded WITH (people)** :
- The city centre was **crowded with** tourists.

*Tuy nhiên, có một vài tính từ mà theo sau chúng là những giới từ khác nhau và
nghĩa của chúng cũng khác nhau:*

- Swimming is **good for** health. (Bơi lội có lợi cho sức khỏe)
- Jack is **good at** Japanese. (Jack giỏi tiếng Nhật)
- Mary is very **good with** her hands. (Mary rất khéo tay)
- Mr Brown is **good to** all of us. (ông Brown tốt với tất cả chúng tôi)

EXERCISE I : Put in the correct prepositions: at, on or in.

- 1/ The course begins _____ 7 January and ends _____ 10 March.
- 2/ I went to bed _____ midnight and got up _____ 6.30 the next morning.
- 3/ Mozart was born _____ Salzburg _____ 1756.
- 4/ There are usually a lot of parties _____ New Year's Eve.
- 5/ Mary and Henry always go out for a meal _____ their wedding anniversary.
- 6/ The price of electricity is going up _____ October.
- 7/ I might not be at home _____ the morning. Can you phone _____ the afternoon ?
- 8/ Tom doesn't see his parents very often these days – usually only _____ Christmas and sometimes _____ the summer for a few days.
- 9/ Tom's grandfather died _____ 1977 _____ the age of 79.
- 10/ I'm going out to do some shopping. I'll be back _____ half an hour.
- 11/ The doorbell and the telephone rang _____ the same time.
- 12/ Do you fancy going to the cinema _____ Friday night ?
- 13/ Hurry up. We've got to go _____ five minutes.
- 14/ Are you doing anything special _____ the weekend ?
- 15/ Carol got married _____ 17, which is rather young to get married.

EXERCISE II : Complete these sentences with in, at or on.

- 1/ Turn left _____ the traffic lights.
- 2/ You'll find the cups _____ the top shelf.
- 3/ It can be dangerous when children play football _____ the street.
- 4/ We got stuck in a traffic jam _____ the way to the airport.
- 5/ Ann's brother lives _____ a small village _____ the south coast of England.
- 6/ Paris is _____ the river Seine.
- 7/ Do you take sugar _____ your coffee ?

8/ Mr Brown's office is _____ the first floor. When you come out of the lift, it's the third door _____ your left.

9/ Look at those beautiful horses _____ that field.

10/ I'll meet you _____ the corner of the street _____ 10 o'clock.

11/ I can't find Tom _____ this photograph. Is he _____ it ?

12/ You'll find the sports results _____ the back page of the newspaper.

13/ I didn't see you _____ the party _____ Saturday. Where were you ?

14/ Tom's ill. He wasn't _____ work today. He was _____ home _____ bed.

15/ I haven't seen Ken for some time. I last saw him _____ Dave's wedding.

16/ Paul is a student _____ London University.

17/ The exhibition _____ the art gallery finished _____ Saturday afternoon.

18/ What time did you arrive _____ London ?

19/ When we arrived _____ London Station, there was a long queue outside.

20/ He speaks quite good French. He studied _____ Paris for a year.

EXERCISE III: Supply the correct prepositions.

1/ It's very nice _____ you to let me use your car. Thank you very much.

2/ Why are you always so rude _____ your parents ? Can't you be nice _____ them ?

3/ It wasn't polite _____ him to leave without saying thank you.

4/ I don't understand people who are cruel _____ animals.

5/ Why do you always get so annoyed _____ little things ?

6/ The people next door are annoyed _____ us _____ making so much noise last night.

7/ We enjoyed our holiday but we were rather disappointed _____ the hotel.

8/ I was surprised _____ the way he behaved. It was quite out of character.

9/ She doesn't often go out at night. She's afraid _____ the dark.

10/ I've been trying to learn Spanish but I'm not satisfied _____ my progress.

11/ Jill starts her new job on Monday. She's quite excited _____ it.

- 12/ I was shocked _____ what you said. You should be ashamed _____ yourself.
- 13/ Did you know that Linda is engaged _____ a friend of mine ?
- 14/ I had never seen so many people before. I was astonished _____ the crowds.
- 15/ Bill has been doing the same job for too long. He's bored _____ it.
- 16/ These days everybody is aware _____ the dangers of smoking.
- 17/ Are you still upset _____ what I said to you yesterday ?
- 18/ She's quite nice but I wouldn't like to be married _____ her.
- 19/ I'm hopeless _____ repairing things.
- 20/ I'm not very good _____ tennis.
- 21/ I'd rather not go to an Indian restaurant. I'm not very keen _____ Indian food.
- 22/ I'm sorry _____ the smell in this room. It's just been painted.
- 23/ The police are responsible _____ maintaining law and order.
- 24/ Ann is very fond _____ her younger brother.
- 25/ Britain certainly isn't famous _____ its food.
- 26/ This place is always very lively at night. It's usually crowded _____ people.
- 27/ That man's very honest. He isn't capable _____ telling a lie.
- 28/ Our house is similar _____ theirs – I think ours is a bit larger.
- 29/ I felt sorry _____ the children when we went on holiday. It rained very hard and we had to spend most of the time indoors.
- 30/ Bill and I come from the same town but my accent is different _____ his.

EXERCISE IV : Fill in the blanks with proper prepositions :

1. Mr. Smith is very kind _____ us.
2. He is different _____ his wife.
3. We are pleased _____ the result of our work.
4. We are confident _____ the success.
5. Most people are afraid _____ snakes.

6. Our country is rich _____ natural resources.
7. Hue city is famous _____ its historical vestiges.
8. My mother is always busy _____ her housework.
9. Dirty air is harmful _____ our health.
10. We are proud _____ our people's heroic tradition.
11. The teacher's advice is profitable _____ the students.
12. The streets are crowded _____ vehicles at the rush hour.
13. The climate of our city is favourable _____ agriculture.
14. The air at the seaside is good _____ health.
15. My friend is good _____ maths and physics.
16. John is skilful _____ dancing.
17. This opportunity is lucky _____ us.
18. I'm not acquainted _____ those fellows.
19. Mr. Smith is not accustomed _____ hot weather.
20. Your words are contrary _____ your acts.
21. My home is far _____ school.
22. He is sad _____ his son's laziness.
23. Many young people want to be independent _____ their parents.
24. We are grateful _____ our teacher.
25. I'm interested _____ current events.
26. Your profession is similar _____ mine.
27. This chemical is dangerous _____ humans.
28. This work is not suitable _____ him.
29. Her voice sounds familiar _____ me.
30. This student is eager _____ study.
31. My house is next _____ the post office.

32. This man is greedy _____ fame.
33. I was absent _____ class yesterday.
34. Children are fond _____ candies.
35. The beach is full _____. tourists in summer.
36. We are present _____ the lecture yesterday.
37. We must hurry, otherwise we should be late _____ school.
38. Air is necessary _____ life.
39. He is friendly _____ everybody.
40. This sweater will keep your safe _____ the cold.