10 Common and Useful Prepositions

<u>Preposition</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Example</u>
in	Used for enclosed spaces, months, years, and long periods	She is in the kitchen. / Born in July.
on	Used for surfaces, specific days, and dates	The book is on the table. / I was born on Monday.
at	Used for specific points (time, place)	She is at school. / Meet me at 6 p.m.
to	Indicates movement or direction	I'm going to the store.
from	Indicates origin	She is from Brazil. / I got a gift from him.
with	Used to show connection or instrument	I made it with love. / He came with his friend.
by	Shows how something is done, close to something or action is done by someone (passive)	Travel by bus. / The house by the river.
about	Means concerning a topic	Let's talk about your plans.
for	Shows purpose, recipient or duration	This is for you. / I waited for two hours.
under	Indicates a lower position	The ball is under the chair.

Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition (in, on, at, to, from, with, by, about, for, under)

- 1. I am going _TO__ the dentist tomorrow.
- 2. He came ___ a taxi.

3	3.	The cat is hiding the bed.
4	l .	She is interested learning English.
5	5.	They are waiting the bus stop.
6	6.	My birthday is December.
7	7.	This book is you.
8	3.	I'm talking my friend right now.
9	9.	He received a message his boss.
1	10.	The phone is the table.
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Find and Correct the Mistake

Each sentence below has a preposition error. Correct it.

- 1. She is good in dancing.
- 2. He went **on** foot to school.
- 3. I am afraid **from** spiders.
- 4. They arrived **to** the station late.
- 5. I listened **on** the radio.
- 6. He married with a doctor.
- 7. The pen is **in** the table.
- 8. She borrowed the book **to** me.

Speaking Practice Prompts (Pair or Group Work)

Ask and answer questions using correct prepositions. Ask follow-up questions.

- 1. What do you usually do **on** weekends?
- 2. Tell me about something special you got **from** someone.
- 3. Describe a place you'd love to go to. Why?
- 4. What's something that is always with you?
- 5. Where were you at 7 p.m. yesterday?
- 6. What do you usually take with you when you travel?
- 7. What's something you're passionate about?
- 8. How do you usually go **to** work/school? (car, bus, walk?)
- 9. What's under your desk right now? 😄
- 10. Who do you usually spend time with?

Describe our classroom using different prepositions:

In, on, at, above, under, by, for, with, from, next to, in front of, behind and any others you may need.

You can also talk about actions / activities in the class.

E.g.: There are many students <u>in</u> our class / <u>in</u> this classroom. Grammar is taught <u>by</u> Elena.