

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

Preposition Gap Fill

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions (more than one answer might be correct in some cases):

1. She arrived ____ the airport just ____ time.
2. We walked ____ the bridge and then turned left.
3. The museum is ____ the end of this street, just ____ the park.
4. I usually work ____ home ____ Fridays.
5. He's sitting ____ the sofa, talking ____ the phone.
6. I stayed ____ my cousin's house ____ the weekend.
7. The picture is hanging ____ the wall.
8. The child ran ____ his mother crying.

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 **in** our class / **in** this classroom.*

*Grammar is taught **by** Elena.*