

Prepositions

AT	0-dimensions
ON	1-dimension 2-dimensions public transport
IN	3-dimensions

1. Fill in the blanks with *at*, *on* or *in*:

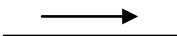
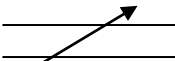
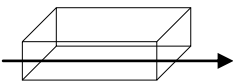




1. John was standing ...**at**..... the door.
2. There was a notice**on**..... the door saying "Do not disturb".
3. I knocked the nail ...**in**..... the door.
4. We were swimming**in**..... the lake.
5. Today's a holiday and there are a lot of people**at**..... the lake.
6. The lake was frozen and we went skating**on**..... the lake.
7. I saw Ann ...**on**..... the bus.
8. There was no label**on**.... the bottle, but there was some delicious wine**in**..... it.
9. There was an enormous poster**on**.... the wall.
10. The explosion made an enormous hole**in**..... the wall.
11. We arranged to meet**at**..... the bus-stop.
12. He was fined for parking**on**..... a yellow line.

+ Movement	Position	- Movement
to	at	away (from)
on[to]	on	off
in[to]	in	out (of)

2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate preposition or adverb.

1. You'll have to have that tooth taken ...**out**..... .
2. You mustn't park**on**..... a yellow line.
3. Get up, we're going to get**off**..... the bus**at**..... the next stop.
4. He walked slowly ..**out.of**.. the classroom because he was tired after the class.

5. I drive past her house every day**on**..... my way to work.
6. We managed to pull him**out of**.....the swimming pool.
7. He was so fat that he couldn't get **.in**..... his old trousers.
8. I usually sit**at**..... the table for meals.
9. He fell**off**..... the ladder and broke his arm.
10. She had a tattoo**on**.... her arm.
11. I've got ink**on**.... my hands, I'll have to wash it**off**.... .
12. When I saw the mouse I jumped**on**.... the table.

	I walked along the path
	I walked across the road
	I walked through the building
	I jumped over the fence
	I walked under the ladder
	I walked around the corner
	I walked past the building

3. Fill in the blanks with one of the prepositions in the table above.

1. They dug a tunnel **under**... the wall of the prison.
2. He didn't stop to say hello, he just walked right **past**.... me.
3. Before landing the plane flew **over**... Venice.
4. Don't go **through** the forest, you'll probably get lost.
5. It's safer to walk **across** the street on a pedestrian crossing.

6. I was walking along the pavement.

over movement	<i>we flew over the city</i>
position	<i>there was a cloud over the city</i>
covering	<i>I put the tablecloth over the table</i>
more than	<i>There were over 50 people</i>
text ref.	can't be used for textual reference
under movement	<i>they walked under the bridge</i>
position	<i>there was a cupboard under the sink</i>
covering	<i>He had a shirt under his sweater</i>
less than	<i>There were under 50 people</i>
text ref.	can't be used for textual reference
above movement	can't be used to indicate movement
position	<i>there was a cloud above the city</i>
covering	can't be used for covering
higher level	<i>It is above average/sea-level</i> <i>It is ten degrees above zero</i>
text ref.	As I explained above
below movement	can't be used to indicate movement
position	<i>there was a cupboard below the sink</i>
covering	can't be used for covering
lower level	<i>It is below average/sea-level</i> <i>It is ten degrees below zero</i>
text ref.	As you can see below

4. Fill in the blanks with one of the prepositions in the table above.

1. In winter the temperature reaches 20 degrees ~~below~~ zero.
2. The horse jumped ~~over~~ the fence.
3. I managed to crawl ~~under~~ the table.
4. I'm glad to say that their work is well ~~above~~ average.
5. I put a sheet ~~over~~ the body.
6. As we shall explain ~~below~~, this is not the real reason.

7. There were ~~OVER~~ 100,000 people at the demonstration.
8. As we explained ~~above~~ capitalism is incompatible with respect for the ecosystem.

5. Some metaphorical uses of prepositions.

1. It converts any sequence of written text speech.
2. There were 50 people there, more or less.
3. He's very helpful a civil servant.
4. When you finish, remember to switch the display
5. We have run paper again.
6. You can rely her.
7. Do you see that man bright red shoes?
8. Only one ten students agree with the plan.
9. I had a very strange dream her.
10. The book is aimed experienced users.

Prepositions of Time

Fill in the blanks with "at", "on", "in" or "ø":

1. I'll see you ...~~on~~... Saturday.
2. I've got a lot of work ...~~in~~... this August.
3. Let's meet ...~~at~~... half six.
4. I usually have a light meal the evening.
5. The company was founded ...~~in~~... the 19th century.
6. I've got a lot of problems~~at~~... the moment.
7. We're having a party ...~~on~~... next Saturday.
8. I like to work~~at~~... night.
9. The meeting's ...~~in~~... April the first.
10. It was a popular group .~~in~~... the eighties.
11. They usually go on holiday ...~~in~~... August.
12. I'll get a couple of weeks off~~at~~... Christmas.
13. I remember that we went to France for our holidays that year.
14. We can finish it .~~in~~... the morning.

15. See you Monday.
16. I'd say he was his late teens.
17. I'll be going to England this Christmas.
18. She always does a lot of work the weekend.