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## PREPOSITION EXERCISES

Draw a circle around the correct preposition in parentheses in the exercises below:

(A) Place or Position or Direction

1. Do you live (at, on) Bay Street (in, on) Newport? (at, on)
2. I hung the picture (above, on) the fireplace. (on)
3. She walked (in, into) the kitchen and put her packages (on, over) the table
4. Is Jane (at, in) home? No, she is (on, at) the library.
5. Mary is sitting (in, on) the sofa (at, in) the living room.
6. Michigan is situated (in, between) Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.
7. While waiting for my train, I took a walk (around, across) the station.
8. A formation of twelve airplanes flew (over, on top of) our house.
9. The artist spends many hours (in, on) his studio (on, at) 50 Charles Street.
10. John found a note pinned (in, on) his door which said: "Meet me at(, in) the corner of Pine and Fifth Streets."
11. The Blake family lives (at, on) Third Street (in, on) Cleveland, Ohio.
12. Don't forget to put your return address (in, on) the envelope.
13. He sat (near, against) the campfire.
14. Mr. Flanagan, who is (from, of) Ireland, is staying (at, to) his sister's home in Boston.
15. Someone has spilled ink (in, on) this rug and has burned a hole (in, on) that one.
16. The door was locked; so I shoved the letter (under, around) the door.
17. He piled the books (above, on top of) the table.
18. He arrived (in, at) Switzerland last week.

19. You are ahead of me. Your name is (above, at the top of) the list.

20. Your score on the examination is well (above, over) average.

(B) Time

1. Does the movie begin (at, on) 6:30? No, it will not begin (until, for) 9:00; so do not arrive (before, by) that time.

2. He asked me to come (at, in) noon.

3. We will go to Florida (since, during) the month of January. (during)

4. The stores stay open (on, in) Mondays (until, for) 9:00p.m.

5. Mary has been in the United States (for, during) a year.

6. John has lived in France (for, since) two years.

7. I read (for, during) three hours, (at, from) 9:00 p.m. (until, by) 12:00.

8. Did you meet Mr. Green (at, during) your stay in Savannah?

9. No, I did not see him because I was there (for, during) only two hours.

10. The train is ( on, in) time. It will arrive (in, by) three hours.

11. Is your birthday (in, on) April? Mine is (in, on) April 7.

12. Come (by, on) 8:00 if you can; no one will be seated at the theater (after, since) 8:30.

13. I try to get to school (in, on) time to have a cup of coffee before my first class.

14. He will leave for Thailand (at, in) the end of August. There will be a farewell party for him (in, on) the twentieth of August.

15. Columbus discovered America (in, on) 1492.

16. The projector broke down twice (for, during) the showing of the film.

17. He had been waiting here (during, since) noon.

18. I received my bill (to, in) the middle of the month.

19. Can you be ready (by, on) six o'clock?

20. We plan to finish this project (around, until) the first of the year.

(C) Miscellaneous

1. We accept your kind invitation (by, with) pleasure.
2. I should like to read that book (by, of) Ernest Hemingway.
3. These oranges are sold (of, by) the dozen.
4. The door (of, at) the house is painted red.
5. He says he can communicate (by, of) mental telepathy.
6. Always sign important papers (by, in) ink.
7. Would you rather write (by, with) a pen or pencil?
8. Over one-third (of, in) the oranges are spoiled.
9. The first speech will be given (by, of) Mr. Steele.
10. Do you like to travel (by, in) bus?
11. He toured the country (in, by) a station wagon.
12. How would you like to go (by, with) us (by, in) our car?
13. This liquid smells (like, as) turpentine.
14. This cake is (for, to) lunch.
15. We always buy olive oil (of, by) the gallon.
16. The sound (of, by) rain lulls me to sleep.
17. It looks (like, as) a nice day.
18. It will take four yards (of, by) material to make this dress.

19. He always speaks (in, by) a loud voice.

20. Stanley took a temporary job (as, like) a chauffeur.

Draw a circle around the correct preposition in parentheses in the following paragraphs:

1. John Doe, who graduated (of, from) the University of North Carolina two years ago, is now doing graduate work (in, on) engineering (at, to) Georgia Tech. He expects to receive his Master's degree (by, in) next June. After that, he plans to accept a job (as, like) a technician (by, with) an oil company (in, at) South America.

2. Jim was walking (across, over) the campus (in, at) noon when he met a friend whom he had not seen (since, during) summer. They stopped (in front of, around) the gymnasium and sat down (in, on) the steps. After they had talked (for, during) about ten minutes, Jim said, "I must go (toward, to) Jefferson Hall this semester. Why don't you drop by some afternoon (over, after) classes?"

3. Mr. Hill arrived in New York on, (in) May 10 (at, on) eight o'clock (in, on) the evening. He decided to call on his uncle who lived (on, in) Fifth Avenue. He got on a bus (at, of) the station and put his fare (on, into) the farebox. The bus was very crowded, so Mr. Hill had to stand up all the way.

When he reached 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Mr. Hill got off the bus and walked a short distance (in, to) the apartment building (in, of) which his uncle lived. He knocked (at, in) the door (of, on) his

uncle's apartment. He waited (for, during) a few minutes, but no one came (to, at) the door. He was disappointed to find no one (to, at) home. He didn't know where to go because his uncle had promised to reserve a room for him (at, by) a downtown hotel. He saw a bench (at, to) the end of the hall, and he sat down (on, in) it to wait for his uncle.

Insert an appropriate preposition in the blanks in the following sentences:

1. They arrived in Bombay at 8:00p.m. July 30.
2. Charles lives on College Avenue in an apartment.
3. Phoenix is located in the state of Arizona.
4. John asked me to go with him to buy a pair of shoes.
5. Put a pad under the hot dish to protect the table. Ans under
6. Mr. Walker has worn a gray suit today.
7. This story was written by Conan Doyle.
8. My aunt stayed at our house for two weeks.
9. Mary is a good housekeeper; she always sweeps under the bed.
10. They had to drive around the block four times before they found a parking place.
11. There is an ink spot on the collar of your shirt.
12. Please write with ink, and don't forget to write each and every other line.
13. Did you receive a letter from your brother yesterday?
14. The bus will not leave for fifteen minutes.
15. Elections are held in the first Tuesday of November.

16. Maximo always entertains us with stories of his experiences.

17. Does this bus go to Central City?

18. Mr. And Mrs. Simpson has lived in Chesnut Street for six years.

19. Dr. Parks has been living Mobile during October. His home is there

20. He dived into the lake and swam to the boat.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate preposition in the following paragraphs. 1. Would you please tell me how to get to the baseball park? Certainly. You go down Arch Street two blocks and turn left on King Street. Stay on King Street for about two miles. You will go to a bridge and through a tunnel. You will come to Ocean Avenue about four blocks after you leave the tunnel. Turn right on Ocean Avenue, and in the middle of the block you will see the main entrance of the ballpark. I would suggest that you drive your car to the block and park in the parking lot behind the field.

2. On June 13 the Circle Players will open at Star Theater for a revival of George Bernard Shaw's play, Major Barbara. When the play opened in Philadelphia a week ago, the critics gave the Circle Players enthusiastic reviews. Good reviews are not unusual for the Circle Players, who have thrilled audiences with their performances for the past decade. In fact, they were so loudly acclaimed in London for their performance of Major Barbara that the play ran for three

years.

Tickets are now on sale in the box office at the Star.

Theatres during the three week engagement. There will be a performance every night, except Sunday, at 8:30p.m., and a matine on\_ Wednesday and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by mail or telephone.