Prepositions

What are they? Where to use them? How to use them?

Prepositions?

We commonly use prepositions to show a relationship in space or time or a logical relationship between two or more people, places or things. Prepositions are most commonly followed by a noun phrase or pronoun. (Cambridge Dictionary)

A preposition is a part of speech that shows the relation of a noun or pronoun to another word.

In on above below under over along behind between across against...

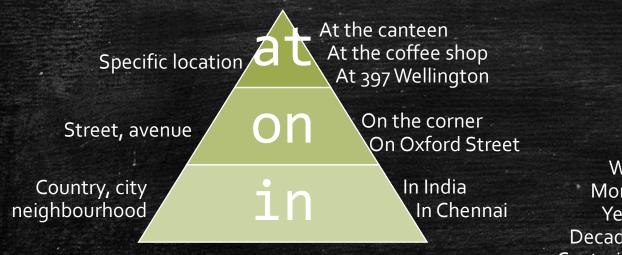
Prepositions of location, time, and direction.

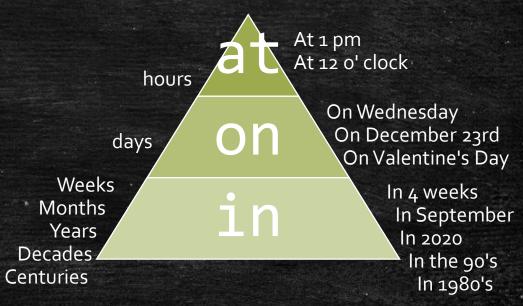
To denote location – on, in under, in front of, above, below, among, beside, behind, between, against...

To denote time – by, for, before, after, since, at, during

To denote direction – to, from, into, along, over, through, across, around, into

In On At





Fill in the blanks using at, in, on, to complete the paragraph.

Mom, I cannot find the doll that I had left my bed.
'Argh Lucy! It must be your drawer or Clarie's bag.' 'Err, after all, I think it's my desk, my bedroom, the first floor'
'Mom, I really want it with me the coach'
'Lucy, we won't take the coachwe'll be a plane tomorrow, not the road. Are you sure you didn't leave your doll the post office, or Dad's car.
'Look! I can see it the carpet, the sitting room my opinion, you should put it away the left of the table, with your things'

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'Argh Lucy! It must be in your drawer or in Clarie's bag.' 'Err, after all, I think it's on my desk, in my bedroom, on the first floor ...'

'Mom, I really want it with me on the coach...'

'Lucy, we won't take the coach...we'll be on a plane tomorrow, not on the road. Are you sure you didn't leave your doll at the post office, or in Dad's car.

'Look! I can see it on the carpet, in the sitting room. In my opinion, you should put it away on the left of the table, with your things ...'

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

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A. in

B. by

C. at

D. to

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3) I didn't trust the post, so I delivered the parcel hand.

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4) His name is Sebastian, but we call him Seb short.

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A. in

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C. as

5) Is everything OK, sergeant? Don't worry, sir! Everything's control.

A. under

B. in

C. on

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C. on

6) The auditors have been through the accounts, and they report that everything is order.

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7) If you want to be a professional spy, you must learn to be very secretive, all, you must learn to listen more and speak less.

A. in

B. after

C. at

D. above

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A. in

B. after

C. at

D. above

My parents are living ____ Canada.

A. In

B. On

C. At

D. inside

My parents are living ____ Canada.

A. In

B. On

C. At

D. inside

They went to Canada _____ a week.

A. At

B. For

C. By

D. into

They went to Canada ____ a week.

A. At

B. For

C. By

D. into

She jumped ____ the fence.

A. In

B. On

C. Over

D. For

She jumped ____ the fence.

A. In

B. On

C. Over

D. For

Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. (for, with, to, of, at)

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- 2. He must somehow give up his fondness _____sweets.
- 3. I hardly can hope to have peace ____such an unreasonable person.
- 4. I hardly have any acquaintance _____him, so how can I possibly go _____ the party thrown by him?
- 5. Many parents, unfortunately, have objection _____ the idea _____ their children choosing teaching as their profession.
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Do you remember that scene (at the end/in the end) when Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor have a terrific argument?

at the end ("in the end" means "eventually": he tried the exam several times and in the end he managed to pass.)

He may seem tough and ruthless, but (by heart/ at heart) he's a kind and gentle man.

at heart ("by heart" means "from memory": prepositions should be learnt by heart.)

You're so selfish! You never (care about/care for) anyone but yourself!

care about ("care for" means "like" or "want": would you care for another cup of tea?)

You're not (angry at/angry with) being kept waiting, are you?

angry at ("angry at" something, "angry with" someone.)

Thank You...

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