PREPOSITIONS

Definition:-

Preposition is a word, which is used before a noun, a noun phrase or a pronoun, connecting it to another word.

Kinds of Prepositions:

- @ Simple prepositions: Prepositions which consists only one word.
 - e.g. in, on, at, with, against etc..,
- @ Compound prepositions: Prepositions which consists of two or more words.
 - e.g. instead of, in the middle of, by the side of etc..,

Some prepositions

on, through, behind, for, beneath, against, beside, over, during, without, abroad, across, among, against, around, at the end, at the bottom, between, behind, below, by, inside, corner, into, via, after, to, about, in, on, at, since, while, under, over, right, left

Kinds of Prepositions

There are three types in prepositions

- ***Prepositions of Place**
- **Prepositions of Time**
- ***Prepositions of Direction**

Prepositions of Place

Some prepositions show where something happens. They are called prepositions of place.

Examples:-

- *****Sanjay was sitting <u>under</u> a tree.
- **☀**There's a wooden floor <u>underneath</u> the carpet.
- * Some geese flew **over** their house.
- **☀**Banti and Babli were hiding <u>inside</u> the wardrobe.
- **☀**There was a tree **<u>beside</u>** the river.
- **☀**I have a friend who lives **in** America.

Prepositions of Time

Some prepositions show when something happens. They are called prepositions of time.

Examples:-

- School starts <u>at</u> nine o'clock.
- **♣**We're going to the zoo <u>on</u>Saturday.
- **♣**I visited my grandparents <u>during</u> the summer.
- **♣**You must finish the work **by** Friday.
- **↓**I'll do my homework <u>before</u> dinner.

Prepositions of Direction

Some prepositions show where something is going. They are called prepositions of direction.

Examples:-

- The boys chased <u>after</u> each other.
- The football rolled **down** the hill.
- **A** man was walking **along** the riverbank.
- The freeway goes <u>right</u> through the city.
- We were travelling **towards** Baroda.

Prepositions with special uses

Usage of <u>OF</u>

- Our modules are full of real life examples.
- I ate a plate of rice and a quarter of milk.
- Would you like a glass of lemon juice?
- I need a piece of paper.
- Most of the children in my class like Education.
- There are several ways of cooking Upma.

Usage of "FOR"

- → I made this gift **for** Mom.
- → Is there room <u>for</u> me on this seat?
- → I'd like a new computer <u>for</u> Christmas.
- → We're going downtown <u>for</u> a meeting.
- **→** Is there place *for* me on this seat?
- → I'd like a new Laptop <u>for</u> Next year...

Usage of "WITH"

- He pounds nails <u>with</u> a hammer.
- Mix the flour **with** water.
- She painted the picture *with* her new paints.
- Would you like to come <u>with</u> us to the cinema?
- I can do difficult problems *with* the help from Mom.
- Who is the man *with* the long beard?

Usage of "EXCEPT" AND "INSTEAD OF"

- ◆I like all kinds of food <u>except</u> Upma.
- Everyone likes chocolate <u>except</u> Anil.
- •We go to school every day <u>except</u> Saturday and Sunday.
- You should eat fruit <u>instead of</u> candy.
- ◆Dad is coming to the theater with us <u>instead of</u> Mom.
- We could watch TV <u>instead of</u> reading newspaper.

Usage of "LIKE", "AS" and "THAN"

- → Shalini looks *like* her dad.
- → Bholu smiles <u>like</u> his mother.
- → Nishant sings <u>like</u> a professional singer.
- ♣ Are these shoes the same <u>as</u> those?
- → Sandip is nearly as tall <u>as</u> the teacher.
- → My backpack is bigger **than** Jay's.
- → Dad is taller <u>than</u> all of us.
- → This painting is more beautiful *than* that one.
- → The neighborhood streets are less busy *than* downtown streets.

Prepositions with Adjective, Verbs.

Prepositions are used with some adjectives. The adjectives in these examples are printed in color.

- Dad was angry with us.
- We were afraid of the big dog.
- She's not very interested <u>in</u> sports.
- Jayesh is very good <u>at</u> drawing.
- Mr.Patel is pleased with our work.
- The teachers are always kind <u>to</u> us.
- * What's wrong with the computer?

Prepositions are used with some verbs. The verbs in these examples are printed in color.

- * I'm looking for my pencil. Have you seen it?
- **x** Can you think **of** another word for 'pleased'?
- **★** Does this book belong <u>to</u> you?
- * We're listening <u>to</u> CDs.
- **x** I agree *with* you.
- * Tell me *about* the show you saw.
- **x** Cut the cake <u>into</u> five pieces.
- * They borrowed money *from* the bank.

Prepositions are used with some nouns. The nouns in these examples are printed in color.

- ♦ What's the answer <u>to</u> this question?
- ♣ Is there a reason <u>for</u> this delay?
- ♦ What's the matter <u>with</u> you?
- → Here's an example of good behavior.
- Congratulations <u>on</u> winning the competition!
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TRY THIS:

- 1. A cat was sitting _____ the roof of my car. (place)
- 2. Some people were talking during the movie. (time)
- 3. A man was coming towards us on his bike. (direction)
- 4. The party starts at six o'clock. (time)
- 5. She put the book _____her bag. (place)
- 6. We walked along the street to the park. (place)
- 7. She keeps her slippers under her bed. (place)
- 8. We always wash our hands __before __meals. (time)



Thank you.