

Prepositions

Remember this:

A preposition is a word that relates a noun or a noun phrase to some parts of the sentence.

The most common prepositions are:

- at** It's used to point out specific time, for example,
- We have a meeting at 7 a.m.
 - The train will leave at 6.30 p.m.
- ✓ It's used to indicate a place, for example,
- The party will take place at the conference room.
 - They organized the festival at the royal park.
- ✓ It's used to indicate an E-mail address.
- You can send it to me at elazouziali@gmail.com

- in** It's used for days, months, seasons and years.
- I always drink coffee in the morning.
 - In winter, it usually rains.
 - The spring semester will start in March.
 - I was born in 1986.

- on** It's used to express a surface of something.
- You can put the flower on the desk.
 - Your jacket is on the table
- ✓ It's used for specific days and dates.
- We go to the club on Sundays.
 - He died on the 6th day of August in 2000.
- ✓ It's used to indicate a device or machine.
- Hold on! He is on the phone now.
 - You can store data on the computer.

Adjectives with prepositions:

interested in – surprised by – keen on – good at – afraid of
– bad at – aware of – conscious of – proud of – famous for – fed up with – attracted to – addicted to – shocked by – happy about...

Verbs with prepositions:

agree with – lead to – result in – result from – apologize for – complain about – wait for – graduate from – suffer from – congratulate on – insist on think about – compare with – accuse of- believe in – belong to – rely on- comment on...

EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the right preposition.

to – for – in – of – at – from – by

1. He is interested _____ learning foreign languages.
2. I am proud _____ my son's performance.
3. Marrakesh is well known _____ Jamaa Lafna square.
4. She is good _____ speaking English.
5. My friend is addicted _____ smoking.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the right preposition.

in – about – from – to – on – with – of -

1. I agree _____ him on that point.
2. Dropping out of school results _____ illiteracy.
3. I want to complain _____ your noise.
4. He always relies _____ his brother.
5. She belongs _____ a rich family.

EXERCISE 3 Tick the right preposition.

1. My friends are all _____ Scotland.
 from through at
2. I dropped my pen _____ the carpet.
 on in at
3. We'll meet _____ 6 O'clock.
 on at from
4. My brother isn't here _____ the moment.
 in at on
5. You have English _____ 6 _____ 7 a.m today.
 from ... on from ..at from...to
6. My birthday is _____ the sixth of July.
 in through on
7. We usually watch TV _____ the afternoon.
 on in from
8. We play sport _____ Saturdays.
 from on across
9. He used to tell me stories _____ bed time.
 in at on
10. I found a coin _____ the ground.
 from on in
11. He is afraid _____ telling the truth.
 from of by
12. Leila is keen _____ reading books.
 in on about