

Grammar study – Prepositions: Time/Place/Movement

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

Preposition	Use	Examples
in	in months	in July; in September
	year	in 1985; in 1999
	seasons	in summer; in the summer of 69
	part of the day	in the morning; in the afternoon; in the evening
	duration	in a minute; in two weeks
at	part of the day	at night
	time of day	at 6 o'clock; at midnight
	celebrations	at Christmas; at Easter
	fixed phrases	at the same time
on	days of the week	on Sunday; on Friday
	date	on <i>the 25th of December*</i>
	special holidays	on Good Friday; on Easter Sunday; on my birthday
	a special part of a day	on the morning of September <i>the 11th*</i>
after	later than sth.	after school
ago	how far sth. happened (in the past)	6 years ago
before	earlier than sth.	before Christmas
between	time that separates two points	between Monday and Friday
by	not later than a special time	by Thursday
during	through the whole of a period of time	during the holidays
for	period of time	for three weeks
from ... to from... till/until	two points form a period	from Monday to Wednesday from Monday till Wednesday from Monday until Wednesday
past	time of the day	23 minutes past 6 (6:23)
since	point of time	since Monday
till/until	no later than a special time	till tomorrow until tomorrow
to	time of the day	23 minutes to 6 (5:37)
up to	not more than a special time	up to 6 hours a day
within	during a period of time	within a day

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE AND MOVEMENT

Preposition	Use	Examples
above	higher than sth.	The picture hangs above my bed.
across	from one side to the other	There is a bridge across the river.
after	one follows the other	The cat ran after the dog.
along	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking along the beach.
among	in a group	I like being among people.
around	in a circular way	We're sitting around the campfire.
behind	at the back of	Our house is behind the supermarket.
below	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres below sea level.
beside	next to	Our house is beside the supermarket.
between	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is between the supermarket and the school.
by	near	He lives in the house by the river.
close to	near	Our house is close to the supermarket.
down	from high to low	He came down the hill.
from	the place where it starts	Do you come from Tokyo?
in front of	facing sth./sb.	Our house is in front of the supermarket.
inside	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay inside the castle.
into	entering sth.	You shouldn't go into the castle.
near	close to	Our house is near the supermarket.
next to	beside	Our house is next to the supermarket.
off	away from sth.	The cat jumped off the roof.
onto	moving to a place	The cat jumped onto the roof.
opposite	on the other side	Our house is opposite the supermarket.
out of	leaving sth.	The cat jumped out of the window.
outside	opposite of inside	Can you wait outside ?
over	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped over the wall.
past	going near sth./sb.	Go past the post office.
through	going from one point to the other	You shouldn't walk through the forest.
to	towards sth./sb.	I like going to Australia. Can you come to me? I've never been to Africa.
towards	in the direction of sth.	We ran towards the castle.
under	below sth.	The cat is under the table.
up	from low to high	He went up the hill.

- a) Which state is above Iowa? _____
- b) Name one state near the bottom of the United States. _____
- c) Name one state near the top of the United States. _____
- d) What state is between Mississippi (Miss) and Georgia? _____
- e) What states are below New York? _____

- f) What state is between South Dakota and Kansas? _____
- g) Name two states that are close to Ohio. _____
- h) Name two states that are far away from Florida. _____

- i) What state is right beside California? _____
- j) What state is to the left of Virginia? _____
- k) Name all the states that are around Utah. _____

- l) Name two states that are below Michigan. _____
- m) Name two states that are between Kansas and Indiana. _____
- n) Which state is above South Dakota? _____

3. Fill in the blanks with the prepositions of movement.



a) Peter ran _____ the wall.



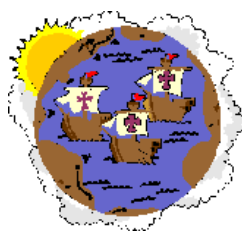
b) Tim jumped _____ the pool of water.



c) They went _____ the stairs.



d) He rode his camel _____ the desert.



e) Columbus sailed _____ the Atlantic Ocean.



f) John ran _____ the stairs.



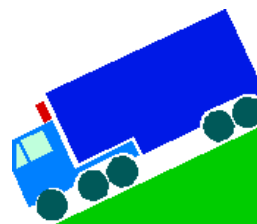
g) Sarah walked _____ the street.



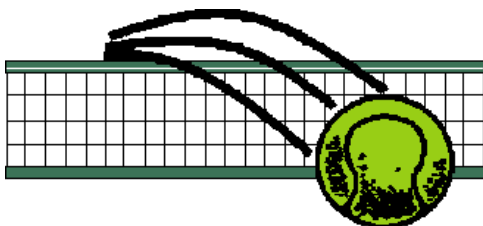
h) Joan looked _____ the window.



i) The man went _____ the river.



j) He drove the lorry _____ the hill.



k) The ball went _____ the net.



l) The farmer drove _____ the hill.