

# 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

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Ex. 1 1.in 2.of 3.for 4.at 5.to Ex. 2 1.with 2.in 3.about 4.on 5.to Ex. 3 1. from 2. on 3. at 4. at  
5. from..to 6. on 7. in 8. on 9. at 10. on 11. of 12. on

