

# THE PREPOSITION

George Bernard shah was a man of taste. He liked to have beautiful things around him. He was of firm opinion that literature and beauty were both equally necessary --  
 --- life.  
 Once a visitor asked him, "You are a lover  
 ---- everything beautiful.  
 (on, in, of, for,)

Preposition is a word placed before a noun or a pronoun to show in what relation the person or thing denoted by i stands; it also shows the relation of place and movement in the sentence.

**Read the following paragraph and note the marked words:**

A teacher drew a line on the black board. He asked the students, 'How can you make this line smaller?' . Most of the students thought it was a very simple thing.

How is it that I do not see any flowers ---- your room, though your garden is full of them". "You are absolutely right, but I love children too. Is it necessary ---- me to show my love for them --- cutting off their heads and displaying them ---- the vases?" The visitor was speechless. (in, by, for, in)

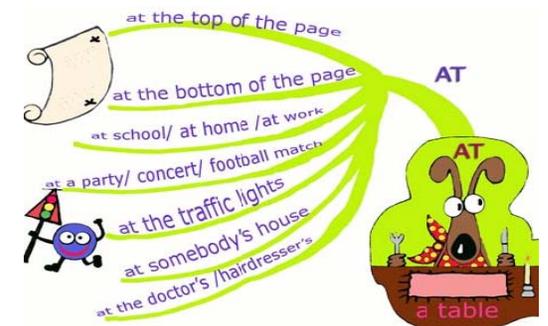
In , At , On (place)

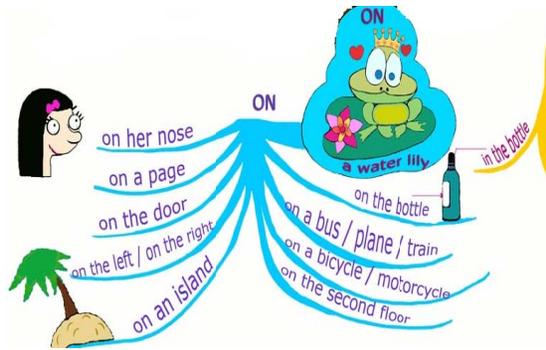


The teacher is ---- the classroom.  
 Where is the book?  
 Where is the cat sitting?

They said, "We can erase a part of the line and make it smaller". There was a child who said, "I will make this line smaller," He stood up from his place went to the board and drew a line much bigger than the line drawn by the teacher.

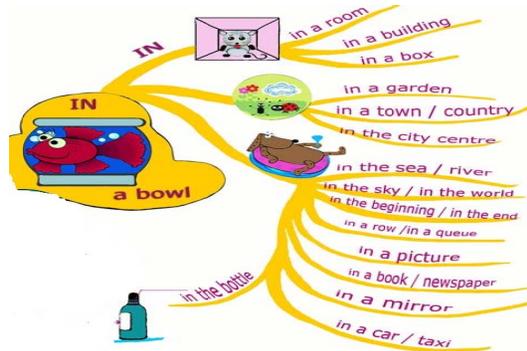
The train was late. Arpitha had been waiting since 7.00am that morning. It was never on time. That day she had to reach the office by 10.00am. It was already 8 o'clock. Could she reach her office in an hour? She decided to wait for another 10 minutes to see whether the train would arrive.





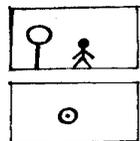
Definite point of Time	At	Noon, Dawn, 5 pm, 12.30, Midnight, At Christmas
Days Dates	On	Saturday, Monday, New Years Day
Months Seasons Years	In	September, Summer, 2000, Morning, Afternoon

The rabbit is sitting ----- the box.  
Where is the rabbit?  
She is standing ----- the lily.



In the morning, At noon, In the afternoon,  
In dusk, In the evening, During night,  
On Sunday morning, At sun rise, At dawn

The Clouds are moving ---- the vales  
She is standing ---- the bamboos.  
Share these chocolates ---- you.  
(Among, Between, Over)



Vijay is standing ----- the bus stop.

Anil lives -----Bangalore.



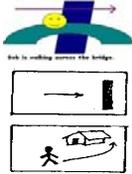
The book is ----- the table.

A time in the past to now	Since	1990, 4 pm, Morning, Monday
Period of time	For	Two days, Two hours, More than an hour, Two miles
A point of time --- followed with to	From	Monday to Friday, 2005 to 2010

The horse is running ---- the beach.  
They are standing ----the Statue.  
(Along, In front of)

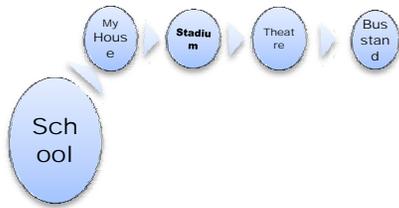


He is walking ----- the bridge.  
 He is going ----- Delhi.  
 She is going ----- post office.  
 (towards, to, across)



The evil is spreading ---- women too,  
 especially ---- western countries. Those  
 who come in contact ---- the smokers also  
 suffer.  
 (of, to, in, on, among, with)

1. Latha is ---- singing.
2. My office is ---- my house.
3. Children are ---- dogs.
4. The hunter ---- the deer.
5. As a teacher I cannot ---- indiscipline.
6. Weak persons ---- pressure.
7. Harsha and Harish are ---- each other
8. One must ---- the truth at all times.  
 (cling to, close to, fond of, bend to,  
 adjacent to, bear with, afraid of, aim at)

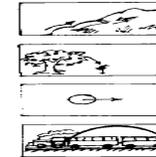


Beside ,Near, Not far from, Far away from

Some words like senior, junior, prefer,  
 prior, superior, inferior, preferable, etc are  
 followed by 'to' and not 'than'.  
 (Latin adjectives)

Ex:

1. He is senior ---- me in service.
2. Health is more preferable ---- wealth.
3. This cloth is inferior ---- that cloth.
4. I prefer tea ---- coffee.



The bus went --- the hill.  
 An apple fell --- the tree.  
 The teacher went --- the room.  
 A train went --- a tunnel.  
 (out of, up, off, through)

Smoking is also one ---- the worst evils  
 that are eating your purse as well as your  
 health. It is injurious ---- mental and  
 physical health. The statutory warning  
 printed ---- every cigarette pack has a little  
 impact ---- smokers.

**Colloquial prepositions**  
 (adjectives + prepositions, they are used in  
 gerunds)

Afraid of, Fond of, Capable of,  
 Confident of, Successful in, Proud of,  
 Ashamed of, Take care of, In need of

**Correct the following sentences with  
 proper prepositions:**

1. They congratulated us in / on  
 Winning the national series.
2. She is married with / to one of her  
 Classmates.
3. She searched in the bag for the lost ke
4. She goes to home every weekend.

<p>5. I have lived here since / for ten years.  6. She wants to discuss about the problems with her boss.  7. She is good on / at mathematics.  8. I will See you on next Monday.  9. Keep the umbrella on /over your head.  10. Please take your feet of / off the table.</p>	<p><b><u>Correct the following sentences with proper prepositions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I want to apply the post.</li> <li>2. I believe God.</li> <li>3. What are you talking?</li> <li>4. I want a pen to write.</li> <li>5. Please knock the door.</li> <li>6. I need a house to live.</li> </ol>	<p>“Nothing is impossible to a willing heart”  - John Heywood</p>  <p>✌ BEST OF LUCK ✌</p>
<p><i>LEGEND'S VERSES: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee quotes poetry penned by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his 151st birth anniversary in Kolkata on Tuesday. - PHOTO: SUSHANTA PATRONOBISH</i></p> <p>News Paper Headlines</p>	<p><b><u>Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After two years ---- marriage she had a child.</li> <li>2. The plays ---- Shakespeare have a great human value.</li> <li>3. She sang a lot ---- songs.</li> <li>4. I married ---- the age ---- 25.</li> <li>5. My birthday falls ---- 25 June.</li> <li>6. Cut this apple ---- a knife.</li> </ol>	
 <p><b>INDIGNANT:</b> Police trying to prevent farmers from rushing towards the seed distribution centre on the premises of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee yard in Haveri on Tuesday.</p> <p>News Paper Headlines</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. I bought this book ---- Rs100.</li> <li>8. I went ---- a walk.</li> <li>9. I have written a book ---- grammar.</li> <li>10. Get ready ---- the dinner.</li> <li>11. The girl ---- red shirt is my sister.</li> <li>12. Smoking is bad ---- health.</li> <li>13. Live ---- your parents.</li> </ol>	