

**Exercise-1** Underline all the Prepositions in the passage :—

I came across my friend near a tunnel. “Where are you going?” I asked him. “I am going to my house. Why don’t you come with me?”

“Is it very far away?”

“No”, he replied. “First you walk through this tunnel, then you go over a bridge and come to the foot of a hill. You can see my house from there. We only have to go along the hill and my house is the fifth one behind a big pine tree.

**Exercise-2** Fill in the blanks with *Simple Prepositions (at, in, for, on)* :—

1. I met my friend at the station.
2. She was sitting in her garden reading a book.

- We set for on our journey on a very brisk pace.
- He lived at Baker Street in South London for twenty years.
- Your books are kept on the top shelf.

**Exercise-3** Fill in the blanks with *Compound Prepositions* (*under, about, besides, between, among*) :-

- Besides knitting, she was keeping an eye on her baby also.
- The little girl sat between her parents and watched the movie.
- The peacock danced daily under the *Neem* tree.
- The money was divided among all the competitors.
- The mother was anxious about her child's health.

**C** Prepositions denote **time, place, direction and movement.**

Prepositions of Time are :

<i>at</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>before</i>
<i>by</i>	<i>during</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>in</i>
	<i>on</i>	<i>past</i>	<i>since</i>
	<i>between</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>from</i>
			<i>until</i>

**Examples :** 1. I had breakfast **at** 8 o'clock.      2. **At** night the sky is full of stars.

We also say : **at** dawn, **at** noon, **at** Christmas, **at** the end, **at** dinner time, **at** bedtime.

**on** : **on** Wednesday, **on** 6th July.

**by** : **by** Monday, **by** 29th July.

**about** : I come home **about** 6 in the evening.

**before** : My maid comes **before** lunch.

**during** : **during** the day; **during** the holidays. The road is crowded **during** the festivals.

**for** : Could I borrow your iron **for** an hour.

**in** : It snows **in** winter. We will go out **in** the evening.

**from** : We serve breakfast **from** 7 o'clock.

**from....to** : The library is open **from** 9 o'clock **to** 6 p.m. in the evening.

**on** : The baby was born **on** 6th July, 1980. I got a lot of presents **on** my birthday.

**until** : We watched the match **until** midnight.

**to** : The time is quarter **to** 8. I will leave at 10 **to** 7.

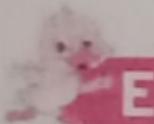
**upon** : **Upon** their **arrival**, passengers have to go through immigration.

**since** : We have lived in Delhi **since** 1986.

**Exercise-4** Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions :-

- The meeting was very short, it was over for half an hour.
- The play is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- The interviews for admission will begin from Wednesday, 15th June.

4. Where were you on Wednesday at 6 p.m.?
5. I will meet you in lunch today.
6. She came to see me at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
7. This file work will be over by tomorrow.
8. It was extremely humid on the day.
9. Could I borrow your pen for a short while?
10. Please wait for me till I return from the market.

**Exercise-5**

Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions :—

1. We walked on the road and found the florist's shop.
2. The boys kept their bikes besides the wall and went to play.
3. Walking on the beach, we picked up some beautiful shells.
4. My house is on this hill, we will soon reach it.
5. We found the tailor's shop near the bank.

6. We discussed our school days sitting beneath the fountain in the park.
7. He met with an accident on the flyover.
8. He heard a sound on the roof and went outside to check.
9. She stood behind the pillar quietly watching the evening.
10. Raman was hurt badly when he fell off a broken chair.

### E Prepositions of Movement and Direction are :

up, down, to, from, into, out of, towards, away from, through, for, at.

#### Examples :

- towards** : He walked **towards** the sea.
- away from** : He could not walk **away from** the scene.
- through** : He went **through** the hall and opened the door.
- into** : He marched **into** the hall.
- up** : Sheila walked **up** the stairs.
- down** : He came **down** the steps at a great speed.
- over** : The ball bounced **over** the hall.
- to** : The cattle was led **to** the field.
- out of** : She slipped while getting **out of** bed.

#### Exercise-6 Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions :—

1. We walked to the station very fast, as we were already late.
2. While running the child fell into a pot hole.
3. We had to go through a dark hall to reach the garden inside the house.
4. He jumped over a drain.
5. The boys walked along the roundabout.
6. The baby was crawling towards his mother.
7. She went up the escalator to reach the fourth floor.
8. He was coming from the market in the evening.
9. It was difficult to row against the wind.
10. They were throwing a ball to each other.

#### Exercise-7 There is a mistake in each of the sentences given below. Underline the mistake / mistakes and write the correct word in the brackets. One is done for you :—

1. This book is quite different than that. [ from ]
2. This is the man that I gave the parcel. [ whom ]
3. I have not seen him from a long time. [ for ]
4. During the whole play she sat besides me. [ beside ]
5. The three brothers quarrelled between themselves over the prize. [ among ]
6. The child cut its finger by a knife. [ with ]

7. The Rajdhani Express departs on 1 pm towards Amritsar.

[ at ]

8. I was congratulated for my success.

[ on ]

9. The train was in time.

[ on ]

10. They waited on the bus stop about the next bus.

[ at ]

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**Exercise-8**

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions :—

1. We should be thankful to God for His gifts.
2. Don't listen to her.
3. The king ruled over a vast country.
4. Talk about something else.
5. I will not hide the truth from you.
6. I am not afraid of death.
7. I am preparing for the examination.
8. I relied on the information you gave me.
9. We searched for the dog everywhere.
10. She was angry with me for nothing.
11. He is now free from pain.
12. Health is necessary for success in life.
13. He is sure of success.
14. We were provided with ink, pen and paper.
15. He complained about me to the Headmaster.