The Preposition • Practice 1

A preposition relates a noun or a pronoun to another word in the sentence.

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Exercise 1 Identifying Prepositions.  Circle the preposition(s) in each sentence below. The number in parentheses indicates the number of prepositions in the sentence.

EXAMPLE: Gerry left without a word to anyone. (2)

1. A new family has moved into the house next to ours. (2)
2. The club isn’t much fun without Sharon. (1)
3. Among the three of us, we had just enough money for a pizza. (3)
4. Because of that incident, the families do not speak to each other. (2)
5. We watched the fireworks display from a spot across the river. (2)
6. Draw a line through any words that are not needed. (1)
7. The rake has been leaning against the garage since yesterday. (2)
8. A letter for Mike is on the table in the hall. (3)
9. You will be safe from the mosquitoes until dusk. (2)
10. No one except Judy’s mother baked brownies. (1)

Exercise 2 Using Prepositions in Sentences.  Fill in each blank below with a preposition to complete the sentence.

EXAMPLE: We agreed to meet before dinner.

1. Carl has ridden his bike across the river.
2. I haven’t seen Louise in a month.
3. We waited for six o’clock for the train to arrive.
4. A crowd of people pressed against the movie star.
5. I found my sneakers on the couch.
6. Many people became restless because of the long delay.
8. Basketball is my favorite sport besides baseball.
9. The realtor took us to a number of houses.
10. Fred sits next to me in math class.
The Preposition • Practice 2

Exercise 1  Supplying Prepositions. Fill in each blank below with a preposition to complete the sentence.

EXAMPLE: I will meet you outside the store.

1. Put your briefcase __________ the table.
2. Tie the string __________ the package.
3. We have been waiting for a reply __________ yesterday.
4. The game will not be held __________ noon.
5. The restaurant is __________ a lake.
6. Draw a line __________ the paper.
7. I will search for the letter __________ my desk.
8. The covering was placed __________ the furniture.
9. Look __________ the telescope to see Saturn.
10. Call me any day __________ Tuesday.


1. Pull the chair out from __________ the table.
2. The liquid smells __________ perfume.
3. The plants reach __________ the light.
4. There is a garage __________ the grocery store.
5. I traveled __________ the town on a bicycle.
6. I voted __________ the changes suggested by the mayor.
7. The meat and vegetables were already __________ the table.
8. Wait __________ tomorrow for the results of the survey.
9. We looked for the pad __________ the pile of papers.
10. Please leave the newspaper __________ the front door.

Writing Application  Using Prepositions in Sentences. Using a preposition in each sentence, write ten sentences telling where a number of things in your home are located. Use as many different prepositions as you can.

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