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The Preposition • Practice 1

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

PREPOSITIONS											
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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 _____ the river.
2. I haven't seen Louise _____ a month.
3. We waited _____ six o'clock for the train to arrive.
4. A crowd of people pressed _____ the movie star.
5. I found my sneakers _____ the couch.
6. Many people became restless _____ the long delay.
7. I am reading a book _____ Judy Blume.
8. Basketball is my favorite sport _____ baseball.
9. The realtor took us _____ a number of houses.
10. Fred sits _____ me in math class.

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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.

Exercise 2 **More Work With Prepositions.** Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

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.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____