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# Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that connects one thing with another, showing how they are related.

Some prepositions tell you about **position** or **place**.



There's a big balloon **in** the sky.



Jane is jumping **into** the pool.



The books fell **off** the shelf.

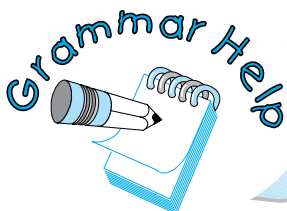
Dad always keeps his wallet **in** the drawer.

There is a long mirror **on** the wall.

The school is **near** the park.

There is an old castle **on** the hill.

The horse jumped **over** the hurdle.



A **preposition** is usually followed by a noun or pronoun.

Some prepositions are used to talk about **time**.



Many shops close **on** Sundays.



We watched the World Cup game **until** 2:00 A.M.



The trees lose their leaves **during** winter.



We always wash our hands **before** meals.



Dad gets home **about** six **in** the evening.

We get up **in** the morning.

We go to bed **at** night.

It's always hot **in** summer.

The movie starts **at** two **in** the afternoon.

Autumn begins **in** September.

They were married **in** 1990.

Joe arrived **after** me.

It has not rained at all **for** two weeks.

Breakfast is served **at** seven o'clock.

Kevin and Joe have been in the same class **since** first grade.

## Exercise 1

Underline the *prepositions* in the following sentences.

- 1 The man fell off the ladder.
- 2 We have dinner at 7:30 P.M.
- 3 Tom was born on a Friday.
- 4 There are seven days in a week.
- 5 Sue is running after her dog.
- 6 Several people are waiting at the bus stop.
- 7 I received a letter from Sara yesterday.
- 8 Why are you still in bed?

## Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct *prepositions* from the box.

near	by	on	at	between
in	around	into	up	behind

- 1 The bus arrived \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 A.M.
- 2 The children are swimming \_\_\_\_\_ the pool.
- 3 There's a picture \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- 4 There is a fence \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- 5 Granny is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
- 6 Harold is hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.
- 7 Jack climbed \_\_\_\_\_ the beanstalk.
- 8 We divided the candy \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 9 I dived \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- 10 Don't go too \_\_\_\_\_ the edge.