

# Prepositions

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## Grammar Notes

Prepositions have many uses in English. For example, they can express time (*in 2012, at 7:00, during the meeting*), place (*on the chair, at a restaurant, behind the sofa*), direction (*to the store, from Japan*), method (*by mail, with a fork*), material (*of wood, with cotton*), etc. Let's take a look at some common prepositions in English, and then we'll practice using them.

### A. Common Prepositions

The following is a list of common prepositions, some notes on their use, and examples.

Preposition	Meaning(s)	Examples
about	on (the subject of), around (a place)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I read a book <b>about</b> the war.</li> <li>The speech was <b>about</b> causes of cancer.</li> <li>You can now move freely <b>about</b> the cabin.</li> </ul>
above	on top of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I placed the painting <b>above</b> the table.</li> <li>The blue sky was <b>above</b> us all afternoon.</li> </ul>
across (from)	on the other side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The theater is <b>across from</b> the bank.</li> <li>Columbus traveled <b>across</b> the ocean in 1492.</li> </ul>
after	later in time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>After</b> the game, the players went to dinner.</li> <li><b>After</b> lunch, I studied in the library.</li> <li>The students were very tired <b>after</b> the exam.</li> </ul>
against	opposed to, in contact with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jones ran <b>against</b> Ms. Adams for treasurer.</li> <li>The umbrella is leaning <b>against</b> the wall.</li> </ul>
along	on the side of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We strolled <b>along</b> the bank of the river.</li> <li>There are many hotels <b>along</b> the Danube.</li> </ul>
among	in the midst of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a cat sitting <b>among</b> the flowers.</li> <li>He was found <b>among</b> the dead after the battle.</li> </ul>
around	in a circle, turning a corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher walked <b>around</b> the room.</li> <li>Ken lives <b>around</b> the block.</li> </ul>
at	clock time, place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The game starts <b>at</b> 9:00.</li> <li>Leslie works <b>at</b> Apple Computers.</li> <li>I'll meet you <b>at</b> the restaurant.</li> </ul>

## Grammar Notes cont.

### A. Common Prepositions cont.

Preposition	Meaning(s)	Examples
before	earlier in time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Before</b> breakfast, I took a walk.</li> <li>• I would like to finish <b>before</b> noon.</li> <li>• The movie ended <b>before</b> 10:00.</li> </ul>
behind	in back of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I hid the bag <b>behind</b> the couch.</li> <li>• Nestor was standing right <b>behind</b> me.</li> </ul>
below	under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bag is <b>below</b> the desk.</li> <li>• The temperature is 11 degrees <b>below</b> zero.</li> </ul>
beneath	under, lower in status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog was sleeping <b>beneath</b> the table.</li> <li>• Do you think that working for that company is <b>beneath</b> you?</li> </ul>
beside	next to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I stood <b>beside</b> Mr. Johnson.</li> <li>• The chair is <b>beside</b> the table.</li> </ul>
besides	in addition to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Besides</b> John, Jane and Alicia are going.</li> </ul>
between	in the middle of (two things or people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The blue car is <b>between</b> the red and the white ones.</li> <li>• I was sitting <b>between</b> Toshiko and Nabuko.</li> </ul>
beyond	more than, farther than	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ines became rich <b>beyond</b> her wildest dreams.</li> <li>• Xavier looked <b>beyond</b> the blue horizon.</li> </ul>
by	near, ownership, method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick lives <b>by</b> the sea.</li> <li>• That book was written <b>by</b> Harlan Cobin.</li> <li>• I sent the letter <b>by</b> mail.</li> </ul>
despite	contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Despite</b> the rain, we still had a picnic.</li> </ul>
down	opposite of <i>up</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She ran <b>down</b> the hill.</li> <li>• The cat went <b>down</b> the stairs.</li> </ul>
during	in progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a terrible storm <b>during</b> the night.</li> <li>• <b>During</b> the movie, Carl ate two bags of popcorn.</li> </ul>
for	intended recipient, purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This gift is <b>for</b> Helga.</li> <li>• I'm taking this course <b>for</b> my degree.</li> </ul>

## Grammar Notes cont.

### A. Common Prepositions cont.

Preposition	Meaning(s)	Examples
from	origin, start time or place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This package is <b>from</b> my brother.</li> <li>This shop is open <b>from</b> 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.</li> </ul>
in	inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The check is <b>in</b> my pocket.</li> </ul>
into	putting inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I put the change <b>into</b> my wallet.</li> </ul>
like	similarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicki looks just <b>like</b> her mother.</li> </ul>
near	close to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul lives <b>near</b> his school.</li> </ul>
of	possession, materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wines <b>of</b> France are excellent.</li> <li>Diana's skirt is made <b>of</b> silk.</li> </ul>
off	opposite of <i>on</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your books <b>off</b> the table.</li> <li>Iris fell <b>off</b> her bicycle.</li> </ul>
on	on top of, about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bag is <b>on</b> the table.</li> <li>I read a book <b>on</b> the election of 2008.</li> </ul>
out	outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kris went <b>out</b> the door at 6:00.</li> <li>Victor jumped <b>out</b> the window and ran away.</li> </ul>
over	above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The airplane is flying <b>over</b> the house.</li> </ul>
since	start time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wes has worked for Target <b>since</b> 1999.</li> </ul>
through	from one side to the other, around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I walked <b>through</b> the park.</li> <li>We wandered <b>through</b> the city.</li> </ul>
throughout	for the term of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Throughout</b> his life, he was always kind and gentle.</li> </ul>
till	up to the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I worked <b>till</b> 10:00 last night.</li> </ul>
to	direction, intended recipient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashley is going <b>to</b> California next fall.</li> <li>Ron gave a ring <b>to</b> his girlfriend.</li> </ul>
toward(s)	in the direction of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The truck was coming directly <b>toward(s)</b> us.</li> </ul>

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### A. Common Prepositions cont.

Preposition	Meaning(s)	Examples
under	below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cat hid <b>under</b> the couch.</li> <li>Place your bag <b>under</b> your seat.</li> </ul>
until	up to the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ziggy worked <b>until</b> midnight.</li> <li>Walter will stay in China <b>until</b> July.</li> </ul>
up	opposite of <i>down</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristin hiked <b>up</b> the mountain.</li> <li>The bathroom is <b>up</b> the stairs to your right.</li> </ul>
upon	when (formal, poetic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once <b>upon</b> a time, there was a noble queen.</li> </ul>
with	together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I had dinner <b>with</b> Arnold yesterday.</li> <li>Are you <b>with</b> me or against me?</li> </ul>
within	inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hal tried to live <b>within</b> his budget.</li> <li><b>Within</b> these walls are many treasures.</li> </ul>
without	lacking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People cannot live <b>without</b> water.</li> <li>I don't want to do this <b>without</b> you.</li> </ul>

### B. Prepositional Phrases

One of the most common constructions in the English language is the prepositional phrase. Sometimes there are even two or three prepositional phrases used in the same sentence. (E.g., *In 2015, she traveled to Chile.*)

A basic prepositional phrase has three words: *preposition, article, noun*. This is the most common construction. Other words, such as adjectives, may be added. The article is not used in some phrases, and the noun may be replaced by a pronoun. Analyze the following examples:

#### preposition + article + noun

- in the closet
- over the chair
- to the bank
- from an admirer

#### preposition + noun

- to India
- near New York
- after lunch

#### preposition + pronoun

- toward me
- with them

## Exercise 1

### FILL IN THE BLANKS I

Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

1. Henrietta met her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ the bus from Washington to Miami.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) between
2. I have never seen such a gigantic nose \_\_\_\_\_ my whole life.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) between
3. Chita Rodriguez comes \_\_\_\_\_ Cuba.  
a) in  
b) from  
c) on  
d) until
4. We will go dancing \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) from
5. Anesha usually goes \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) to the summer India  
b) to India in the summer  
c) to India on the summer  
d) over the summer to India
6. Hank made many mistakes \_\_\_\_\_ the past.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) from
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph, Won Min and Adytya are also going.  
a) Beside  
b) Besides  
c) Addition to  
d) In addition
8. \_\_\_\_\_ money, life is very difficult.  
a) With  
b) Without  
c) Within  
d) In
9. The whole family goes out to breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday mornings.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) from
10. I think that Michael's father was arrested \_\_\_\_\_ the fall.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) from

## Exercise 2

### FILL IN THE BLANKS II

Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

1. Little Rosita is afraid \_\_\_\_\_ dogs.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) of
2. Sergio's mother found him hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.  
a) in  
b) at  
c) on  
d) under
3. Some little children do not like to go \_\_\_\_\_ school.  
a) to the  
b) to  
c) at the  
d) at
4. My two brothers really love to go \_\_\_\_\_ the mall.  
a) for  
b) to  
c) at  
d) from
5. Daniel's father looked him right \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was lying.  
a) in the eye  
b) on the eye  
c) from the eye  
d) with the eye
6. The thief stole the handbag \_\_\_\_\_ the woman \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth Avenue.  
a) in / on  
b) from / in  
c) from / on  
d) with / on
7. Silvia traveled \_\_\_\_\_ the world. She went \_\_\_\_\_ Asia, South America, and Africa.  
a) around / on  
b) around / to  
c) across / to  
d) in / on
8. The rug \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee table is \_\_\_\_\_ Iran.  
a) beneath / from  
b) below / to  
c) under / to  
d) underneath / to
9. Nick sat \_\_\_\_\_ his wife \_\_\_\_\_ the party.  
a) besides / at  
b) besides / from  
c) beside / from  
d) beside / at
10. Mahmoud read a book \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian revolution.  
a) from  
b) at  
c) on  
d) to

## Exercise 3

### SENTENCE STEMS I

Complete each sentence.

1. After the storm, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Down by the river, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Among the survivors, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Near the town of Roxbury, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Before breakfast, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Around the corner, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Between you and me, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. For the past three years, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Besides Charlie and Mohammed, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise 4

### SENTENCE STEMS II

Complete each sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ throughout my life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ toward the exit.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in my dreams.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ across the ocean.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ under the bed.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ far from the one she loves.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:30 pm.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday afternoon.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ with dolls.



## Exercise 5

### ERROR CORRECTION I

Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. Then rewrite each sentence correctly. Some sentences may have more than one error.

1. I didn't stay up late. I was asleep on midnight.

*I didn't stay up late. I was asleep at midnight.*

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2. She met her best friend on September at Seoul.

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3. Anita moved of Rome at 2006.

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4. The plane finally arrived on 5:46 pm.

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5. Bob met his future wife in a bus, not on a taxi.

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6. In this moment, Ushbek is studying from Bunker Hill Community College.

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7. Don't pay attention at that fortune-teller. She has no idea about events on the future.

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8. My mother and father don't drive on the dark, so they stay home at the night.

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9. I think that Tom is in a date with Sally. I think she is separated to her husband.

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10. That woman is staring to the man on the other table. He is looking off the window.

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## Exercise 6

### ERROR CORRECTION II

Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. Then rewrite each sentence correctly. Some sentences may have more than one error.

1. On Sunday, Jong goes at church for to pray.

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2. At the summer, my family goes to beach to swim.

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3. On her living room, there is an end table next the couch.

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4. Barbara found her purse under chair on the family room.

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5. Bobby read a book across the Second World War.

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6. The bakery is next the diner.

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7. The children walked for the park to get home quickly.

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8. My mother cannot live with her iPod. She always listens music.

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9. I saw the plane moving the airport, but I did not see it land.

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10. Before breakfast, Sidney jogged on the park.

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## Exercise 7

### FILL IN THE BLANKS III

Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

1. Can you tell me a little bit \_\_\_\_\_ your experience?
  - a) in
  - b) about
  - c) on
  - d) from
2. I think I left my laptop \_\_\_\_\_ the couch.
  - a) in
  - b) at
  - c) on
  - d) down
3. Some little children are afraid \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
  - a) to the
  - b) to
  - c) of
  - d) of the
4. We had a picnic \_\_\_\_\_ the tall elm tree.
  - a) beneath
  - b) on
  - c) on top of
  - d) next
5. The crowd cheered continuously \_\_\_\_\_ the game.
  - a) beside
  - b) near
  - c) during
  - d) by
6. I am not completely \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
I just don't share all your opinions.
  - a) for
  - b) against
  - c) near
  - d) beside
7. John's father was standing  
right \_\_\_\_\_ him at the concert.
  - a) in front
  - b) next
  - c) behind
  - d) on
8. Don't forget to turn the television  
off before you go \_\_\_\_\_ bed.
  - a) at
  - b) to
  - c) to the
  - d) at the
9. \_\_\_\_\_ the rain, the game was not canceled.
  - a) Despite
  - b) In spite
  - c) Despite from
  - d) Because of
10. \_\_\_\_\_ the class, the students  
walked slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the room.
  - a) Before / out to
  - b) After / out of
  - c) During / in of
  - d) After from / out

## Exercise 8

### FILL IN THE BLANKS IV

Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

1. Can you tell me how to get \_\_\_\_\_ library?
  - a) to
  - b) to the
  - c) toward the
  - d) from the
2. I think you left your book \_\_\_\_\_ the table over there.
  - a) in
  - b) at
  - c) on
  - d) down
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of the ancient city, there are many secrets.
  - a) Without
  - b) Within
  - c) Above
  - d) Through
4. John had a discussion \_\_\_\_\_ his advisor yesterday.
  - a) from
  - b) on
  - c) with
  - d) to
5. I took a walk \_\_\_\_\_ the river. It was so peaceful.
  - a) after
  - b) along
  - c) during
  - d) through
6. Quentin has lived in Texas \_\_\_\_\_ July.
  - a) for
  - b) since
  - c) from
  - d) at
7. John's father said that he would work \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 pm.
  - a) until
  - b) without
  - c) over
  - d) for
8. I found your old love letter \_\_\_\_\_ some papers that I had left in my desk drawer.
  - a) around
  - b) against
  - c) after
  - d) among
9. My best friend lives right \_\_\_\_\_ the street \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - a) across / to
  - b) across / from
  - c) across / for
  - d) across / on
10. The temperature was eleven degrees \_\_\_\_\_ zero yesterday.
  - a) below
  - b) from
  - c) to
  - d) over

## Exercise 9

### COMPLETE THE STORY

Write an appropriate preposition in each blank.  
 Note that you will also need to write "to" for all infinitive verbs.

### Hidden in Plain Sight

They say that when you want \_\_\_\_\_<sub>1.</sub> hide something, one \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2.</sub> the best places  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3.</sub> hide it is \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4.</sub> plain sight. \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5.</sub> a story written \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6.</sub> Edgar Allan Poe called *The Purloined Letter*, a cunning man, known as Mr. X, stole a secret letter \_\_\_\_\_<sub>7.</sub> an important woman. He threatened to show the letter to everyone if she did not pay him a great deal \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8.</sub> money. She went \_\_\_\_\_<sub>9.</sub> the police, and they secretly searched Mr. X's apartment. They started by looking \_\_\_\_\_<sub>10.</sub> the rugs and \_\_\_\_\_<sub>11.</sub> the books \_\_\_\_\_<sub>12.</sub> the bookshelves. Nothing. Then they looked \_\_\_\_\_<sub>13.</sub> the bed and \_\_\_\_\_<sub>14.</sub> all the closets, but they could not find it. They thought that Mr. X was carrying the letter \_\_\_\_\_<sub>15.</sub> his pocket or \_\_\_\_\_<sub>16.</sub> his wallet, so they followed him \_\_\_\_\_<sub>17.</sub> a park, but they were unsuccessful in finding the letter.

The police called the famous detective Auguste Dupin and asked him \_\_\_\_\_<sub>18.</sub> investigate the case. Dupin, wearing dark sunglasses, went \_\_\_\_\_<sub>19.</sub> Mr. X's house. While he was sitting \_\_\_\_\_<sub>20.</sub> the table drinking a cup \_\_\_\_\_<sub>21.</sub> tea, he looked \_\_\_\_\_<sub>22.</sub> the whole room. He looked at the paintings \_\_\_\_\_<sub>23.</sub> the wall, the books \_\_\_\_\_<sub>24.</sub> the desk, and even the cat sleeping \_\_\_\_\_<sub>25.</sub> the rug. Finally, he looked \_\_\_\_\_<sub>26.</sub> a bowl \_\_\_\_\_<sub>27.</sub> some letters in it. He noticed that one \_\_\_\_\_<sub>28.</sub> the letters looked familiar. Dupin knew that this one was the stolen letter. When Mr. X heard a man shout \_\_\_\_\_<sub>29.</sub> the front window, he ran \_\_\_\_\_<sub>30.</sub> see what was happening. In the meantime, Dupin took the stolen letter and replaced it \_\_\_\_\_<sub>31.</sub> a similar one that he had \_\_\_\_\_<sub>32.</sub> his pocket. He thanked Mr. X \_\_\_\_\_<sub>33.</sub> the coffee and hurried out. This is how the detective found the stolen letter. It was hidden in plain sight, right \_\_\_\_\_<sub>34.</sub> the table.

## Exercise 10

### QUIZ

Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

1. The Rodriguez family goes \_\_\_\_\_ church every Sunday.  
a) to  
b) to the  
c) toward the  
d) from the
2. I will always stand \_\_\_\_\_ you,  
\_\_\_\_\_ thick and thin.  
a) by / in  
b) by / through  
c) on / in  
d) on / through
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the blue skies \_\_\_\_\_ me,  
I felt like a new man.  
a) With / below  
b) With / above  
c) Without / over  
d) With / toward
4. Joshua lives \_\_\_\_\_ a bakery and a bagel shop.  
a) from  
b) on  
c) with  
d) between
5. Calculus III is way \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
I don't understand anything in that class.  
a) after  
b) along  
c) beyond  
d) through
6. Omar always stays \_\_\_\_\_ his  
room to relax before a big exam.  
a) on  
b) for  
c) in  
d) under
7. I will love you \_\_\_\_\_ I die. I promise.  
a) till  
b) during  
c) when  
d) without
8. Once \_\_\_\_\_ a time, an old  
man was living \_\_\_\_\_ a bridge.  
a) upon / under  
b) upon / next  
c) upon / through  
d) on / below
9. When I saw the ball coming \_\_\_\_\_ me,  
I didn't know what to do.  
a) across  
b) about  
c) toward  
d) from
10. I have always tried to be  
honest and sincere \_\_\_\_\_ my life.  
a) until  
b) across  
c) to  
d) throughout

## Answer Key

### LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students review and practice different types of prepositions such as time, place, direction, and method. They will see all the prepositions listed with examples, and then they will complete various practice exercises.

**LEVEL:** Low Int – Int

**TIME:** 2–3 hours

**TAGS:** prepositions, prepositional phrases, prepositions of time, prepositions of place, prepositions of direction, method, material, ownership

### Exercise 1

- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 3. b | 5. b | 7. b | 9. c  |
| 2. a | 4. b | 6. a | 8. b | 10. a |

### Exercise 2

- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. d | 3. b | 5. a | 7. b | 9. d  |
| 2. d | 4. b | 6. c | 8. a | 10. c |

### Exercise 3

Answers will vary. Examples include:

- After the storm, **the sun came out**.
- Down by the river, **six fishermen were having their lunch**.
- Among the survivors, **there were two children and one woman**.
- Near the town of Roxbury, **there is a large mall**.
- Before breakfast, **I took a walk around the block**.
- In my heart, **I know that I am right**.
- Around the corner, **there is a large house**.
- Between you and me, **I don't trust Larry**.
- For the past three years, **my sister has lived in Washington**.
- Besides Charlie and Mohammed, **Aisha and Hee Jung are also coming to the party**.

### Exercise 4

Answers will vary. Examples include:

- I have loved music** throughout my life.
- The satisfied concertgoers headed** toward the exit.

- I am the best soccer player in the league** in my dreams.
- Hal's brother lives** across the ocean.
- The dog was hiding** under the bed.
- We go skiing** in the winter.
- Thelma lives** far from the one she loves.
- The movie will start** at 7:30 pm.
- Teresa has Spanish class** on Thursday afternoon.
- My little sister loves to play** with dolls.

### Exercise 5

- I didn't stay up late. I was asleep **at** midnight.
- She met her best friend **in** September **in** Seoul.
- Anita moved **to** Rome **in** 2006.
- The plane finally arrived **at** 5:46 pm.
- Bob met his future wife **on** a bus, not **in** a taxi.
- At** this moment, Ushbek is studying **at** Bunker Hill Community College.
- Don't pay attention **to** that fortune-teller. She has no idea about events **in** the future.
- My mother and father don't drive **in** the dark, so they stay home **at** night.
- I think that Tom is **on** a date with Sally. I think she is separated **from** her husband.
- That woman is staring **at** the man **at** the other table. He is looking **out** the window.

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## Answer Key cont.

### Exercise 6

- On Sunday, Jong goes **to** church **to** pray.
- In (the)** summer, my family goes **to the** beach to swim.
- In** her living room, there is an end table **next to** the couch.
- Barbara found her purse under **the** chair **in** the family room.
- Bobby read a book **about/on** the Second World War.
- The bakery is **next to** the diner.
- The children walked **through** the park to get home quickly.
- My mother cannot live **without** her iPod. She always listens **to** music.
- I saw the plane moving **toward** the airport, but I did not see it land.
- Before breakfast, Sidney jogged **in/around/through** the park.

### Exercise 7

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 3. c | 5. c | 7. c | 9. a  |
| 2. c | 4. a | 6. b | 8. b | 10. b |

### Exercise 8

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 3. b | 5. b | 7. a | 9. b  |
| 2. c | 4. c | 6. b | 8. d | 10. a |

### Exercise 9

Answers may vary.

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| 1. to      | 13. under  | 25. on      |
| 2. of      | 14. in     | 26. in      |
| 3. to      | 15. in     | 27. with    |
| 4. in      | 16. in     | 28. of      |
| 5. In      | 17. to     | 29. outside |
| 6. by      | 18. to     | 30. to      |
| 7. from    | 19. to     | 31. with    |
| 8. of      | 20. at     | 32. in      |
| 9. to      | 21. of     | 33. for     |
| 10. under  | 22. around | 34. on      |
| 11. behind | 23. on     |             |
| 12. on     | 24. on     |             |

### Exercise 10

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. a | 3. b | 5. c | 7. a | 9. c  |
| 2. b | 4. d | 6. c | 8. a | 10. d |

#### SPELLING NOTES:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the words *Theater*, *Traveled*, *Canceled*, and *Practice*. Other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: *Theatre*, *Travelled*, *Cancelled*, and *Practise* (when used as a verb; *Practice* when used as a noun). Also note that *Toward* is preferred in American and Canadian English, while *Towards* is preferred in British English. Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.

#### EDITOR'S NOTES:

- We have new beginner-level lessons on Prepositions of Time and Prepositions of Place in our Grammar Practice Worksheets section.
- Some words in English such as *up*, *down*, *on*, *off*, etc. can function as prepositions or adverbs depending on sentence position and function. Check out our blog post on this topic, refresh your memory on the rules, and decide if it's worth mentioning to your students.