

PREPOSITIONS

Prepositions are words placed before Nouns and Pronouns. They are used to show time, position and direction.

Examples of Prepositions showing time:

My birthday falls *in* September.

Most shops are closed *on* Sunday.

I have an appointment *at* 9 o'clock.

Examples of Prepositions showing position:

He is standing *at* the door.

The glass is *on* the table.

The cat is sleeping *under* the chair.

Examples of Prepositions showing direction:

She got *into* the taxi.

The girl is walking *towards* her mother.

I have to go *to* town.

Other examples of expressions using prepositions:

The picture was drawn *by* his brother.

She likes to go out *with* her friends.

They say I walk *like* my father.

Her parents give her a box *of* sweets.

Expressions using Prepositions:

good at	get up	fall off	interested in
clever at	wake up	get off	involved in
bad at	look up	set off	send in
point at	clean up	break off	work in
stare at	add up	finish off	fill in
fight against	get into	turn on	made of
speak against	cash into	switch on	built of
vote against	jump into	get on	a box of
hit against	turn into	carry on	half of
lean against	dive into	put it on	many of

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with these words: against, at, by, for, from, in, like, near, of, on, to, up, with.

1. She is doing a degree course _____ a university.
2. His trousers were washed _____ the washing machine.
3. We had to climb slowly _____ the hill.
4. His house looks _____ a temple.
5. How many _____ the members will join the trip?
6. Don't lean that ladder _____ the wall.
7. I don't usually feel tired _____ the morning.
8. Have you heard anything _____ him yet?
9. My house is quite _____ to your school.
10. Put this _____ your drawer and do not let anyone see it.

Answer

- 1.at 2.by 3.up 4.like 5.of 6.against
7.in 8.from 9.near 10.in