

Prepositions to get sick by

You thought you knew everything about prepositions?

1 Test yourself. See if you know what preposition is needed with each of these words. (Write '-' if no preposition is used.)

- 1 Don't **approach** ____ the dog.
- 2 I **arrived** ____ the station at six.
- 3 If you don't know, **ask** ____ John.
- 4 She's very **good** ____ languages.
- 5 **Congratulations** ____ your success.
- 6 The bus **crashed** ____ a tree.
- 7 It all **depends** ____ the weather.
- 8 I'd like **details** ____ your courses.
- 9 Let's **discuss** ____ your plans.
- 10 I **divided** the cake ____ three parts.
- 11 Why is she **dressed** ____ black?
- 12 Nobody **entered** ____ the room.
- 13 This is an **example** ____ his work.
- 14 There is no **increase** ____ prices.
- 15 I'm **interested** ____ most sports.
- 16 He was very **kind** ____ her.
- 17 The soup **lacks** ____ salt.
- 18 I'm **looking** ____ a place to live.
- 19 He has to **look** ____ his mother.
- 20 My sister is **married** ____ a builder.
- 21 She **married** ____ him last year.
- 22 He wasn't very **nice** ____ me.
- 23 Have you **paid** ____ the drinks?
- 24 We need **proof** ____ his story.
- 25 What's the **reason** ____ the change?
- 26 You **remind** me ____ your brother.
- 27 Who's **responsible** ____ security?
- 28 I didn't **take part** ____ the meeting.
- 29 Could you **translate** this ____ Greek?
- 30 That's just **typical** ____ you.
- 31 I'm reading a novel ____ **Dickens**.
- 32 ____ **my opinion** you're wrong.
- 33 Who's the man ____ **the picture**?
- 34 I love walking ____ **the rain**.
- 35 Don't talk ____ that silly **voice**.
- 36 The answer's ____ **page 29**.

DO IT YOURSELF

2 Look at the examples and complete the rule for the use of *at*, *in* and *on* to talk about time. Check your answers in the key.

in 1976 in June
in the morning at 4.15
at lunchtime on Sunday
on Monday afternoon
at Christmas at the weekend

Rule

- ____ + clock time
- ____ + part of a day
- ____ + part of a particular day
- ____ + particular day
- ____ + weekend, public holiday
- ____ + longer period

3 Only one of these expressions has a preposition. Which one?

- 1 I'll see you ____ next Monday.
- 2 I'm not free ____ this Thursday.
- 3 Tell me ____ what time it starts.
- 4 The exam's ____ my birthday.
- 5 Let's meet ____ one weekend.
- 6 I train ____ every day.
- 7 She phoned ____ this evening.

4 Put in *at*, *in*, *on* or - .

- 1 ____ Easter
- 2 ____ Tuesday
- 3 ____ 1994
- 4 ____ the evening
- 5 ____ Friday evening
- 6 ____ May
- 7 ____ next Wednesday
- 8 I don't know ____ what time
- 9 ____ supper time
- 10 ____ this Sunday
- 11 ____ that afternoon
- 12 ____ Sunday afternoon

test yourself prepositions

1 Put in *in, at, on* or nothing (-).

- ▶ I'll be here again this afternoon.
- 1 I saw her Tuesday.
 - 2 We usually play golf the weekend.
 - 3 My birthday is January.
 - 4 The meeting is June 18th.
 - 5 Do you go away Christmas?
 - 6 Let's go to Scotland next weekend.
 - 7 We always get up late Sunday morning.
 - 8 I can't work night.
 - 9 The lesson starts 9.45.

2 Put in *in, at, to* or *on*.

- ▶ We live ~~in~~ a small town near Edinburgh.
- 1 'How do you know that?' 'I read it the newspaper.'
 - 2 The train stopped every station.
 - 3 I'll meet you the bus stop outside the station.
 - 4 Please don't put your feet the table.
 - 5 What's that black mark the ceiling?
 - 6 You will find the information page 16.
 - 7 I thought she was going to walk from the station, but she arrived a taxi.
 - 8 Please write your name the bottom of the paper.
 - 9 She has a ring the third finger of her left hand.
 - 10 What time does this bus get London?
 - 11 She posted the letter in April; it arrived my house in June.

3 Put in *in, from, by* or *until*.

- 1 I'm going to stay in this job next year.
- 2 I have classes tomorrow 9.30 4.00.
- 3 You can borrow my bicycle, but I must have it back Friday.
- 4 Do you think you can learn English two months?
- 5 Can you clean these trousers tomorrow afternoon?
- 6 The train leaves ten minutes.

4 Put in *for, during* or *while*.

- 1 We travelled round America two months last year.
- 2 I couldn't sleep the night, so I got up and read a book.
- 3 Somebody got into the house and stole the TV we were asleep.
- 4 I'd like to see you a few minutes.
- 5 I went to sleep the lesson.

5 Put in the correct prepositions. (More than one answer may be possible.)

- ▶ He sat by/wear the window, and looked out from time to time.
- 1 C comes B and D in the alphabet.
 - 2 I couldn't see the plane, because it was high the clouds.
 - 3 I had to wait a long time at the post office, because the woman me wanted a lot of different things.
 - 4 There's a garage on the other side of the street just our house.
 - 5 Please don't put bicycles the shop window.
 - 6 He turned round and walked away the trees.
 - 7 We cycled a little road the river for about five kilometres.
 - 8 Ann came the church and walked slowly the square.
 - 9 'Where's the swimming pool?' 'Drive the police station, the railway bridge and the corner, and you'll see it on your left.'