Prepositions

Definition:

A preposition is a word or group of words usually placed before a noun or a pronoun to show their relation with other words in a sentence.

Examples of Prepositions:

- on
- in
- into
- behind
- under
- near
- between
- among
- at
- in front of

Examples:

- 1. The bird is in the cage.
 - "in" shows the relationship between the bird and the cage.
- 2. The frog jumped into the well.
 - "into" shows the relationship between the frog and the well.
- 3. The laptop is on the table.
 - "on" shows the relationship between the laptop and the table.

Exercise A: Identify the Prepositions

Examples:

1. The elephant is under the tree.

- 2. The temple is in front of the house.
- 3. The boy jumped into the pond.
- 4. The cat is near the table.
- 5. Madhu is between Maun and Jitu.
- 6. The jacket is in the cupboard.
- 7. They are in the swimming pool.
- 8. The pen is on the table.
- 9. The bird is on the branch.
- 10. The fish are in the pond.

Prepositions of Time – at, on, in

These prepositions are commonly used to indicate time.

Examples:

- X-mas falls in December.
- They play games in the evening.
- They go for a walk in the morning.
- Independence Day falls on 15th August.
- My birthday falls on 5th February.
- The moon shines at night.
- We go to school at 8 a.m.
- She takes her dinner at 8 p.m.

Exercise B: Fill in the blanks with at, on, or in

- 1. The Republic Day falls on 26th January.
- 2. It is too cold in December.
- 3. My birthday falls on 5th February.
- 4. The moon shines at night.
- 5. We do exercise in the morning.

6. They came back from school at 4 p.m.

Passage – Underline the Prepositions

My mother is a kind and noble lady. She teaches in my school. She teaches English. She wakes up at 4.30 a.m. and wakes me at 5 a.m. She prepares breakfast for us. She goes to temple every day. She takes care of us very well. She goes to school in time. In the evening, she helps me to do my homework. I am proud of having such a lovely and caring mother.

Incorrect Usage – Correct the Prepositions

- 1. Raj is fond of music. (Incorrect: in)
- 2. He died of plague. (Incorrect: with)
- 3. I bought it for a rupee. (Incorrect: at)
- 4. I prefer tea to coffee. (Incorrect: on)
- 5. Suman was married to Mayank. (Incorrect: with)

I.Q. Test – Remember:

A preposition connects a noun/pronoun to other parts of the sentence and shows the relationship between them.

Points to Remember:

- Prepositions can indicate place, time, or direction.
- They are placed before a noun or pronoun.
- They help clarify the relationship between words in a sentence.