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Prepositions

Remember this:

A preposition is a word that relates a noun or a noun phrase to some parts of the sentence.
The most common prepositions are:

at It's used to point out specific time, for example,
– We have a meeting at 7 a.m.
– The train will leave at 6.30 p.m.
✓ It's used to indicate a place, for example,
– The party will take place at the conference room.
– They organized the festival at the royal park.
✓ It's used to indicate an E-mail address.
– You can send it to me at elazouziali@gmail.com

in It's used for days, months, seasons and years.
– I always drink coffee in the morning.
– In winter, it usually rains.
– The spring semester will start in March.
– I was born in 1986.

on It's used to express a surface of something.
– You can put the flower on the desk.
– Your jacket is on the table
✓ It's used for specific days and dates.
– We go to the club on Sundays.
– He died on the 6th day of August in 2000.
✓ It's used to indicate a device or machine.
– Hold on! He is on the phone now.
– You can store data on the computer.

Adjectives with prepositions:
interested in – surprised by - keen on – good at – afraid of – bad at – aware of – conscious of – proud of – famous for – fed up with – attracted to – addicted to – shocked by – happy about...

Verbs with prepositions:
agree with – lead to –result in – result from – apologize for – complain about – wait for – graduate from – suffer from – congratulate on – insist on think about – compare with – accuse of- believe in – belong to – rely on- comment on...

EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the right preposition.

to – for – in – of – at - from - by

1. He is interested _____ learning foreign languages.
2. I am proud _____ my son's performance.
3. Marrakesh is well known _____ Jamaa Lafna square.
4. She is good _____ speaking English.
5. My friend is addicted _____ smoking.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the right preposition.

in – about –from - to – on – with – of -

1. I agree _____ him on that point.
2. Dropping out of school results _____ illiteracy.
3. I want to complain _____ your noise.
4. He always relies _____ his brother.
5. She belongs _____ a rich family.

EXERCISE 3 Tick the right preposition.

1. My friends are all _____ Scotland.
☐ from ☐ through ☐ at
2. I dropped my pen _____ the carpet.
☐ on ☐ in ☐ at
3. We'll meet _____ 6 O'clock.
☐ on ☐ at ☐ from
4. My brother isn't here _____ the moment.
☐ in ☐ at ☐ on
5. You have English —6—7 a.m today.
☐ from …on ☐ from ..at ☐ from…to
6. My birthday is _____ the sixth of July.
☐ in ☐ through ☐ on
7. We usually watch TV _____ the afternoon.
☐ on ☐ in ☐ from
8. We play sport —— Saturdays.
☐ from ☐ on ☐ across
9. He used to tell me stories ____ bed time.
☐ in ☐ at ☐ on
10. I found a coin ____ the ground.
☐ from ☐ on ☐ in
11. He is afraid _____ telling the truth.
☐ from ☐ of ☐ by
12. Leila is keen _____ reading books.
☐ in ☐ on ☐ about

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