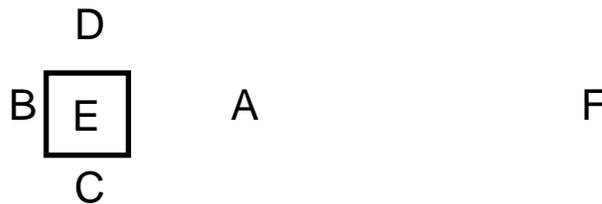


## Unit 12: Prepositions

### THE PROBLEMS

*Jon is in the phone.*  
*The man near the cars are my neighbor.*

**Exercise 1:** Fill in the blanks with the correct letters.



1. \_\_\_ is above the box.
2. \_\_\_ is next to or beside the box.
3. \_\_\_ is in or inside the box.
4. \_\_\_ is near the box, and \_\_\_\_\_ is far from the box.
5. \_\_\_ is below the box.

**Exercise 2:** Circle the prepositions. (There are 6, including *near*.)

1. My house is near a mall.
2. There is a great Asian restaurant in our neighborhood.
3. Under his car, you will find a small pool of oil.
4. My brother rented an apartment near me, so I can eat dinner with him now.

**Exercise 3:** Fill in the blanks with prepositions from the box. Use each preposition only once.

to	about	in	of	during
with	at	from	for	

1. Ken left early \_\_\_ the morning.
2. My friend is traveling to Asia \_\_\_ his wife.
3. They went \_\_\_ the party, but they didn't enjoy it.
4. We waited \_\_\_ an hour, and then we went back home.
5. She got a letter \_\_\_ her pen pal.
6. \_\_\_ nine o'clock, the alarm rang, so everyone ran outside.
7. Don told me \_\_\_ his problem.
8. Jan is tired \_\_\_ work, but she can't quit yet.
9. The students watched a movie \_\_\_ class.

**Exercise 4:** Choose the correct answers.

1. After a preposition, we need a\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) noun      b) verb      c) clause      d) preposition
2. A preposition with a noun after it is called\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) a prepositional clause because it has a noun and verb.  
b) a prepositional phrase because it has a noun, but it doesn't have a verb.
3. After a preposition, we can have\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) a one-word noun (for example, *work*)  
b) a noun phrase (for example, *the morning*)  
c) both (a one-word noun *or* a noun phrase)

**Exercise 5:** Look at the sentences. Choose the correct explanation for each.

**1. In Alaska, it often snows during winter.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*during*) followed by a noun (*winter*).
- b) This is not correct. There is a preposition (*during*) but *winter* is not a noun. It's a verb.

**2. My parents are proud my essay.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*my*) followed by a noun (*essay*).
- b) This is not correct. We need a preposition (*of*) before the noun phrase (*my essay*).

**3. In our city, we can find many interesting buildings.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*in*) followed by a noun phrase (*our city*).
- b) This is not correct. We cannot start a sentence with a prepositional phrase.

**4. From his father learned how to drive a car.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*from*) followed by a noun phrase (*his father*).
- b) This is not correct. The prepositional phrase (*from his father*) is correct. The sentence has a verb (*learned*) but no subject. We need a subject (such as *Jim*) in the sentence.

**5. Tom lives in a small house near a river.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*in*) followed by a noun phrase (*a small house*) and a second preposition (*near*) followed by a noun phrase (*a river*).
- b) This is not correct. We cannot have two prepositional phrases (*in a small house* and *near a river*) in one sentence.

**6. At my college are many students.**

- a) This is correct. There is a preposition (*at*) followed by a noun phrase (*my college*).
- b) This is not correct. The prepositional phrase (*at my college*) is correct, but there is no subject in this sentence.

**Exercise 6:** Circle the prepositions and underline the prepositional phrases. (There are 7 prepositional phrases, including *for a gift*.)

1. We searched for a gift all morning.
2. They found the lost dog in the forest.
3. Sara went shopping for a used car.
4. During summer, Ken had a part-time job.
5. The team usually travels by bus.
6. They had a good time with their friends at the party.

**Exercise 7:** \_\_\_1) Write the sentences that your teacher reads. Use the words in the box.  
The number with each word shows the sentence number that the word is in.

\_\_\_2) Circle the prepositions. (There are 6.)

1 meeting

2 program

3 suitcase

4 cell phone

5 plan

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

