Prepositions list with examples from a to z

If a preposition does not come before another word, it is still closely linked to another word:

**One-word Prepositions**

**aboard** • We went aboard the boat.
  • Is there a doctor aboard the plane?

**about** • What do you think about Mary?
  • Let's talk about something different.
  • I've just read a book about President Kennedy.
  • The lion was pacing about its cage.

**above** • We are flying above the clouds.
  • We live in the hills, 1,000 metres above sea-level.
  • It's only two degrees above freezing point. [+2°C]
  • Who came above you in the test results?

**across** • We drove across the desert.
  • The dog ran across the road.
  • There is a bridge across the river.

**after** (also conj.) • We had lunch [1pm] after the meeting [11am].
  • Let's meet the day after tomorrow.

**against** • Did you vote for or against the suggestion?
  • He put his bicycle against the wall.

**along** • We walked along the beach for two miles.
  • There are trees along the road.
  • The toilet is along the corridor.

**alongside** • Their boat came alongside our boat.
  • Team A worked alongside Team B during construction.

**amid**

**amidst** (poetic)
  • I couldn't hear her amid the noise.
  • We were lost amidst the trees.

One-word Prepositions
among
amongst (UK)
• Is there a doctor among us?
• There were secret police amongst the crowd.
• I was amongst strangers. I didn’t know anyone.
anti • He seems to be anti my idea.
• Some people are anti everything.
around • We walked around the town for an hour.
• They all sat around the campfire.
• There is a big fence around the house.
• He was born around 1570.
• Let’s meet around 7pm.
as (also conj.) • He is working as a waiter.
• The risk is as nothing compared to the profit.
• Ram is as tall as Anthony.
astride • She sat astride the horse.
at • He is at school.
• We first met at a party.
• Let’s start the meeting at 9 o’clock.
• He started work at 17 (years of age).
• We are aiming at sales of $1,000,000.
atop (poetic) • The church is situated atop a hill.

bar • Everyone came bar Angela.
• He is the best bar none.
barring • Barring rain, we’ll play tennis tomorrow.
before (also conj.) • We had lunch [1pm] before the meeting [3pm].
• We met the day before yesterday.
• She was before me in the queue.
• I would rather die before doing that.
behind • There is a police car behind us. It’s following us.
• We have a garden behind our house.
• The child was hiding behind the tree.
• I am behind your project. I will support it.
• Vonica finished behind Shirley in the race.
• She is behind the other children in her class.

**below** • Much of Holland is below sea-level.
• There is a family in the flat below us.
• The temperature is 5 degrees below freezing point. [-5°C]
• I came below Vonica in the test.
• You can buy it if it’s below $50.

**beneath** • Our garage is beneath our house.
• The tunnel runs beneath the sea.
• Laurence is beneath the General Manager.
• It was beneath his dignity to do that.

**beside** • The river runs beside our house.
• James was sitting beside Miriam.

**besides** • What shall we have besides coffee?

One-word Prepositions

**between** • Tara was sitting between Ram and Ati.
• Between you and me, I think she’s crazy.
• I can meet you between 1pm and 2pm.

**beyond** • Can you see someone in the distance, beyond that house?
• This is too difficult. It’s beyond me.
• The meeting continued beyond midnight.

**but** (also conj.) • Everyone came but Andrea.

**by** • We came by car.
• Fireworks were invented by the Chinese.
• He was shot by a professional killer.
• It happened by accident.
• He lost the race by five seconds.
• The room is 10 metres by 6 metres.
• We must finish by Tuesday.
• We were sitting by the window.
• By my calculation he must be 73.

One-word Prepositions

circa • He died circa 1270.

cconcerning • Your teacher talked to me concerning your homework.
  • I have some questions concerning your decision.

cconsidering • Considering the poor quality, I think the price is too high.
  • I think I must be going, considering the time.

counting • There were four people, or five counting the baby.
  • That makes $70, not counting the tax.

cum • I have a study-cum-bedroom.
  • She is a kind of secretary-cum-receptionist.

One-word Prepositions

despite • We went swimming despite the cold water.
  • He passed the test despite being ill.

down • They ran down the hill.
  • The post office is down the road.
  • They have had many wars down the years.

during • He fell asleep during the meeting.
  • I want to go swimming during the weekend.
  • I was bored during the whole film.

One-word Prepositions

except • You can have any colour except blue.
  • They all came except Stephen.

excepting • I can eat anything excepting pork.
  • Excepting Jo, everyone was present.

excluding • It costs $70, excluding $10 for delivery. (Total = $80.)
  • We open every day excluding Christmas Day.

One-word Prepositions
following • We had coffee following lunch.
  • He couldn’t work following his illness.
for (also conj.) • This is for you.
  • Do you want to go for a walk?
  • You use a corkscrew for opening bottles.
  • Cigarettes are bad for you.
  • I’m saving for a new car.
  • Is this the road for Rome?
  • They passed me over for John.
  • Is this the train for Cambridge?
  • I bought it for $10.
  • We worked for three hours.
  • Keep walking for two kilometres.
from • Where do you come from?
  • This letter is from my wife.
  • I bought this car from Henry.
  • They prevented me from entering.
  • My car is different from yours.
  • We worked from Monday to Wednesday.
  • Paper is made from wood.
  • It can cost anything from $5 to $15.
  • The police took my driving licence from me.
  • He died from overwork.
One-word Prepositions

given • He is in very good health, given his age.
  • Given the time, you ought to leave now.
gone (UK) • It’s certainly gone 11 o’clock. It must be 11.30.
  • He’s gone 50. He must be nearly 60 years old.
One-word Prepositions

in • Monkeys live in the jungle.
  • John is the man with his hand in his pocket.
• I live in an apartment.
• She lives in Bangkok.
• Tara was born in 1977.
• Trains were invented in the nineteenth century.
• I'll come back in two weeks.
• Let's meet in the morning.
• There are 60 seconds in a minute.

including • The price is $70 including $10 for delivery. (Total = $70.)
• There were four of us, including the baby.

inside • It was dark inside the tunnel.
• My modem is inside my computer. It's an internal modem.

into • John went into that shop.
• If you heat ice it turns into water.
• We cut the cake into ten pieces.
• Five into ten makes two.

One-word Prepositions

less • 10 less 3 = 7.
like • She is like her sister.
• She sings like a bird.
• It's not like John to complain.
• Do it like this.
• I feel like swimming.
• It looks like rain.
• I want something cold, like iced-coffee.

One-word Prepositions

minus • 10 minus 3 = 7.
• The temperature is minus 30 degrees centigrade.

One-word Prepositions

near • The school is near the post office.
• It’s 20 December. We are very near Christmas Day.

**notwithstanding** • Notwithstanding the low price, I don’t want it.

• They went swimming, notwithstanding the rain.
• They went swimming, the rain notwithstanding.

One-word Prepositions

**of** • I live in the house at the end of the road.
• Where is the key of the car?
• Do you like the work of Shakespeare?
• What was the cost of this book?
• He lives in the City of Westminster.
• It was kind of you to help me.
• This is the cause of the problem.
• He died of cancer.
• Most tables are made of wood.
• Can I have a cup of coffee?
• I know some of these people.
• I don’t know any of these people.
• He lives south of London.
• He lives in the south of London.

**off** • Please take your shoes off the table.
• Keep off the grass.
• It fell off the table and broke.
• They live in a street off Fifth Avenue.

**on** • Please don’t put your shoes on the table.
• The picture is on page 7.
• We live on a busy road. It’s very noisy.
• She is sunbathing on the beach.
• Is there water on the Moon?
• I need a book on bio-chemistry.
• My birthday is on Monday.
• I start work on 7 May.
• Let’s meet on the weekend. (US)
• I’ll see you on Christmas Day.
• You must be on time.
• He broke his leg on getting out of the car.

onto (US)

see on to

• The cat jumped onto the chair.
• The police are onto us. (slang)

One-word Prepositions

opposite •  There is a post office opposite my house.
•  She sat opposite him and looked into his eyes.

outside •  I don’t live in London. I live outside London.
•  It was very cold outside the car.
•  This is outside my scope.

over •  We are flying over the mountains.
•  Put the blanket over the bed.
•  The cat jumped over the wall.
•  Let’s discuss it over dinner.
•  The king ruled over the country for many years.
•  The town is just over the border.
•  It cost over $50. It was $53.25.
•  There is rain over the whole country.
•  It took over an hour to do my homework.
•  The population has increased over the past twenty years.
•  Can you stay with us over Christmas?

One-word Prepositions

past •  I saw you yesterday when we drove past your school.
•  The post office is just past the police station.
•  Don’t work past your bed-time.
•  This is difficult. It’s past me.
• It’s nearly ten minutes past five. 5.09 to be precise.

pending • We cannot supply you pending payment.
• Pending his return, we can do nothing.
• There were many arguments pending the negotiations.

per • The speed limit is 70 miles per hour.
• The carpet costs $10 per square metre.

plus • 2 plus 2 = 4.
• There will be three of us, plus the baby.

pro • Are you pro capital punishment?
• He is generally pro new ideas.

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re • Re: your letter dated 21 May
• I want to talk you re the proposed meeting.

regarding • I would like to speak to you regarding my homework.
• Regarding John, let’s talk later.

respecting • I would like to speak to you respecting my homework.
• I am writing to you respecting our latest products.

round • I live round the corner.
• They all sat round the fire.
• There is a hedge round the house.

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save (formal) • All save Mrs Jones were present.
saving (formal) • Saving yourself, nobody thanked me.
since (also conj.) • I haven't seen Josef since Monday.
• Mr Brown has worked in a bank since 1985.
than (also conj.) • He is a writer than whom there is no finer.
  • Your car is bigger than my car.

through

thru (US)
  • The train goes through a tunnel.
  • I can see light through the keyhole.
  • You have been through a difficult experience.
  • You went through a red light.
  • The error occurred through my own stupidity.
  • They worked Monday through Thursday. [US]

throughout • It is raining throughout the whole country.
  • He worked throughout the day, and most of the night.

till (also conj.) • I work from 9am till 5pm.
  • Please wait till I come.

to • Could you give this to Kob?
  • My car does 10 miles to the litre.
  • To his surprise, the door was open.
  • The museum is open from Monday to Friday.
  • The time is ten to five. [4.50]

touching • Touching your homework, I think we need to speak.

toward (US)

towards (UK)
  • He drove off toward(s) the mountain.
  • I’d better go. It’s getting toward(s) midnight.
  • He contributed $100,000 toward(s) the new building.
  • It’s the first step toward(s) peace.
  • He has a positive attitude toward(s) his work.
under • The mouse ran under the chair.
• The bucket is under the sink.
• Submarines can travel under water.
• We drove under a bridge.
• I have a T-shirt under my pullover.
• Who do you work under? Who is your boss?
• I am under orders from the President.
• What is the subject under discussion?
• Under the company rules, we can’t do that.
• Please buy it if it’s under $50.

underneath • The nurse put a pillow underneath his head.
• There is a big cellar underneath our house.

unlike • That’s very unusual. It’s unlike Andrea to be so rude.
• This problem is unlike any we have met before.

until (formal, also conj.)
• They continued the meeting until 11pm.
• Please wait until I come.

up • Jack and Jill ran up the hill.
• There is a post office up the street.

upon (formal) • Please don’t put your shoes upon the table.
• There are now no dinosaurs upon Earth.
• I need a book upon bio-chemistry.
• We met upon a Monday.
• He broke his leg upon getting out of the car.

One-word Prepositions

versus • He was the judge in the case of Gore versus Bush.
• We should choose peace versus war.

via • We flew from Paris to Bangkok via Dubai.
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**with** • Do you live with your parents?
  • He’s been with EnglishClub.com for two years.
  • I discussed it with her.
  • With your permission, I’d like to go.
  • If you mix red with yellow you get orange.
  • Muriel is the girl with black hair.
  • Do you want to come with us?
  • I made this chair with my own hands.
  • You’ll forget her with time.

**within** • There is a modem within the computer.
  • I will finish within 30 minutes.
  • He lives within 10 miles of his work.
  • It’s not within my power to help you.

**without** • I want trousers without buttons.
  • I came without my wife because she is working.
  • He watched without speaking.

**worth** • This car is worth $10,000.

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**Complex Prepositions**

**according to** • According to John, Mary was late. I believe John.

**ahead of** • Anthony is ahead of Rachel in the race. He’ll win.
  • We have a long day ahead of us. Let’s get going!

**à la** *(from French)* • It’s a TV show à la CNN. Same style, similar content.

**along with** • Do you want some pork along with the chicken?

**apart from** • Nobody objected apart from you, so we did it.

**as for** • As for Matt, he will arrive later.

**aside from** • I have another car aside from this one. Both are red.
as per • We must work strictly as per the law.

as to • As to your behaviour, I think you were wrong.

as well as • You should telephone as well as write, just to be sure.

away from • The cat ran away from the dog and escaped.

because of • We can't play tennis because of the rain.

but for • It's your fault! But for you, I'd have been on time.

by means of • You open a door by means of its handle.

close to • My car is close to your car. About two cars away.

contrary to • Contrary to expectations, the euro fell in value.

depending on • We'll play tennis tomorrow, depending on the rain.

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due to • The cancellation was due to the rain. There was no other reason.

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except for • Everyone was present, except for Mary. She stayed at home.

forward of • He was sitting forward of me in the plane. I could just see the back of his head.

further to • Further to your letter, I have spoken to Mr Brown.

in addition to • There were two people in addition to me. So that made three of us.

in between • He is in between the two opinions. He wants to compromise.

in case of • You can phone me in case of need. Day or night.

in face of • He reacts bravely in face of danger.

in favour of • I am not in favour of your idea. It won't work.

in front of • You can park your car in front of my house.

• I couldn't see the film because the woman in front of me was wearing a big hat.

in lieu of • I don't have any dollars. Can I pay euro in lieu of dollars?
in spite of • We went swimming in spite of the cold water.

instead of • We don’t have any tea. Would you like coffee instead of tea?

in view of • In view of your illness, we will wait for a week.

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irrespective of • I don’t like it, irrespective of what you say.
  • Irrespective of the price, I don’t want it. Price isn’t everything.

near to • There is a restaurant near to my office. Just two minutes away.
  •

next to • The school is next to the bank. Between the hotel and the bank.

on account of • Don’t worry on account of me. Think about yourself.

on behalf of • I’m calling you on behalf of Mr Brown. I represent him in legal matters.

on board • Is there a doctor on board this plane?

on to (UK)

see onto
  • The cat jumped on to the chair.

on top of • The cat is sitting on top of the television.

opposite to • There is a tree opposite to the house. Straight across the road.

other than • Sorry, we’re out of whisky. But we have every drink other than whisky.

out of • Take your hands out of your pockets and help me!
  • He went out of the room to smoke a cigarette.
  • We’re out of eggs. Shall I buy some?

outside of • They stopped outside of the city to check the map before entering.

owing to • We didn’t go swimming, owing to the cold
weather.

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**preparatory to** • I made a graph preparatory to the meeting, so everything was ready.

**prior to** • I never spoke French prior to living in France. But I learned quickly after coming to France.

**regardless of** • I don’t want it, regardless of the price. Even if it’s free, I just don’t want it.

**save for** • Everyone came, save for Lek who had to work.

**thanks to** • Thanks to Shirley, we arrived on time.

•

**together with** • I’d like chicken please, together with vegetables.

**up against** • We are up against a powerful enemy.

**up to** • There was a shop here up to 1990. But it closed that year.

**up until** • We worked up until they came. Then we stopped.

**vis-à-vis**

(from French)

• I prefer Jaguar cars vis-à-vis BMW cars.

• I need to speak to you vis-à-vis your homework.

**with reference to** • With reference to your comments, I’ll reply soon.

• I am writing with reference to your order.

**with regard to** • I’d like to speak to you with regard to your work.

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**Some Prepositions of Place**

There is a cup **on** the table.

The helicopter hovered **above** the house.

The police placed a sheet **over** the body.

He stood **in front of** the door and rang the bell.

Ram sat **beside** Tara in the cinema.
A small stream runs **below** that bridge.

He put the key **under** the doormat.

He put his hands **behind** his back.

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**Some Prepositions of Time**

He has coffee **in** the morning, tea **in** the afternoon and wine **in** the evening.

I work **during** the morning/afternoon/evening/day/night.

Let's meet **at** 6pm.

The clock strikes twelve **at** midday/noon/midnight.

The condemned man was shot **at** sunrise/dawn.

The street lights come on **at** sunset/dusk.

We can see the stars **at** night.

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**Quizzes**

Try the quizzes on the following pages to check your understanding. In general there is only one possible answer to each question. The answers are shown at the end of each quiz.

- **One-word prepositions**
- **Complex prepositions**
- **Prepositions of place**
- **Prepositions of time**
- **One-word and complex prepositions**

If you like, you can use the chart below to record your progress. If you don't get 10 out of 10 for one quiz the first time, revise your prepositions and try again later a second time, and a third time if necessary!

**My Score out of 10**

**Quiz** 1st time 2nd time 3rd time

1 One-word prepositions
2 One-word prepositions
3 One-word prepositions
4 One-word prepositions
5 One-word prepositions
6 One-word prepositions
7 One-word prepositions
8 One-word prepositions
9 One-word prepositions
10 Complex prepositions
11 Complex prepositions
12 Complex prepositions
13 Complex prepositions
14 Complex prepositions
15 Complex prepositions
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19 One-word and complex prepositions
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**Quiz 1** One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 10 ________ 3 = 7.
   a) pro b) against c) less

2 2 ________ 2 = 4.
   a) despite b) plus c) circa

3 All ________ Mrs Jones were present.
   a) off b) save c) given

4 Are you ________ capital punishment?
   a) outside b) pro c) without

5 ________ rain, we'll play tennis tomorrow.
   a) Barring b) Over c) Plus

6 Did you vote for or ________ the suggestion?
   a) throughout b) by c) against
7 Everyone came __________ Angela.
a) by b) bar c) during

8 Everyone came __________ Andrea.
a) but b) amid c) inside

9 __________ the time, you ought to leave now.
a) Given b) Astride c) Cum

10 He broke his leg __________ getting out of the car.
a) till b) like c) upon

Answers: 1c, 2b, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6b, 7b, 8a, 9a, 10c

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Quiz 2 One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 He couldn't work __________ his illness.
a) following b) by c) as

2 He died __________ 1270.
a) circa b) on c) outside

3 He fell asleep __________ the meeting.
a) circa b) during c) off

4 He passed the test __________ being ill.
a) despite b) inside c) behind

5 He seems to be __________ my idea.
a) since b) anti c) as

6 He was shot __________ a professional killer.
a) throughout b) with c) by

7 He was the judge in the case of Gore __________ Bush.
a) gone b) despite c) versus

8 He's __________ 50. He must be nearly 60 years old.
a) till b) by c) gone

9 I am __________ your project. I will support it.
a) despite b) behind c) unlike

10 I am writing to you __________ our latest products.
a) respecting b) inside c) cum
Quiz 3 One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. I came _______ my wife because she is working.
   a) outside  b) amid  c) without

2. I can eat anything _______ pork.
   a) up  b) excepting  c) until

3. I couldn’t hear her _______ the noise.
   a) under  b) amid  c) pending

   a) outside  b) since  c) saving

5. I have a T-shirt _______ my pullover.
   a) considering  b) under  c) of

6. I have some questions _______ your decision.
   a) concerning  b) inside  c) up

7. I think I must be going, _______ the time.
   a) opposite  b) minus  c) considering

8. I want to talk you _______ the proposed meeting.
   a) re  b) atop  c) down

9. I would like to speak to you _______ my homework.
   a) worth  b) to  c) regarding

10. I’d better go. It’s getting _______ midnight.
    a) down  b) toward(s)  c) as

Answers: 1c, 2b, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9b, 10a

Quiz 4 One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. Is this the train _______ Cambridge?
   a) over  b) for  c) astride
2 Is there water ________ the Moon?
a) on b) with c) up
3 It fell ________ the table and broke.
a) of b) off c) like
4 It is raining ________ the whole country.
a) throughout b) till c) via
5 It took ________ an hour to do my homework.
a) except b) on c) over
6 It was dark ________ the tunnel.
a) than b) inside c) on
7 It’s 20 December. We are very ________ Christmas Day.
a) past b) near c) about
8 It’s not ________ my power to help you.
a) within b) except c) with
9 Jack and Jill ran ________ the hill.
a) like b) with c) up
10 Mr Brown has worked in a bank ________ 1985.
a) alongside b) beside c) since

Answers: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5c, 6b, 7b, 8a, 9c, 10c

Quizzes

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 Muriel is the girl ________ black hair.
a) plus b) outside c) with
2 ________ his return, we can do nothing.
a) Behind b) Pending c) Onto
3 Please wait ________ I come.
a) till b) since c) cum
4 Ram is as tall ________ Anthony.
a) as b) than c) with
5 ________ yourself, nobody thanked me.
a) Onto b) Considering c) Saving
She is a kind of secretary-receptionist.

She sat the horse.

She sat him and looked into his eyes.

She sings a bird.

Tara was sitting Ram and Ati.

Answers: 1c, 2b, 3a, 4a, 5c, 6a, 7c, 8a, 9b, 10b

Quizzes

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 Team A worked Team B during construction.

2 That makes $70, not the tax.

3 That’s very unusual. It’s Andrea to be so rude.

4 The cat jumped the chair.

5 The error occurred my own stupidity.

6 The meeting continued midnight.

7 The river runs our house.

8 The speed limit is 70 miles hour.

9 The temperature is 30 degrees centigrade.
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. There is a big cellar __________ our house.
   a) until b) on c) underneath

2. There is a big fence __________ the house.
   a) in b) cum c) around

3. There were four of us, __________ the baby.
   a) including b) inside c) within

4. There were secret police __________ the crowd.
   a) among b) concerning c) except

5. They all sat __________ the fire.
   a) via b) down c) round

6. They continued the meeting __________ 11pm.
   a) until b) in c) along

7. They ran __________ the hill.
   a) aboard b) down c) worth

8. They went swimming, __________ the rain.
   a) at b) minus c) notwithstanding

9. This car is __________ $10,000.
   a) counting b) worth c) unlike

10. This is difficult. It’s __________ me.
    a) until b) than c) past

Answers: 1c, 2c, 3a, 4a, 5c, 6a, 7b, 8c, 9b, 10c

Quiz 8 One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. This is the cause __________ the problem.
a) on b) of c) off

2 ________ his surprise, the door was open.
a) To b) On c) At

3 ________ your homework, I think we need to speak.
a) Touching b) Aboard c) Behind

4 Trains were invented _________ the nineteenth century.
a) at b) since c) in

5 We are aiming _________ sales of $1,000,000.
a) to b) at c) on

6 We are flying _________ the clouds.
 a) above b) gone c) except

7 We cut the cake _________ ten pieces.
a) onto b) into c) above

8 We drove _________ the desert.
a) aboard b) across c) concerning

9 We flew from Paris to Bangkok _________ Dubai.
a) at b) between c) via

10 We had lunch _________ the meeting.
a) astride b) bar c) after

Answers: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9c, 10c

Quizzes

Quiz 9 One-word prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 We met the day _________ yesterday.
a) before b) despite c) versus

2 We open every day _________ Christmas Day.
a) excluding b) anti c) gone

3 We walked _________ the beach for two miles.
a) under b) along c) outside

4 We went _________ the boat.
a) since b) aboard c) worth

5 We worked _________ Monday to Wednesday.
a) in b) from c) at
6 What do you think __________ Mary?
a) about b) off c) via
7 What shall we have __________ coffee?
a) minus b) of c) besides
8 You can buy it if it’s __________ $50.
a) below b) among c) notwithstanding
9 You can have any colour __________ blue.
a) until b) to c) except
10 Your car is bigger __________ my car.
a) as b) than c) for
Answers: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8a, 9c, 10b

Quizzes

Quiz 10 Complex prepositions
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.
1 ___________ John, Mary was late. I believe John.
a) According to b) Further to c) Forward of
2 Anthony is ___________ Rachel in the race. I think he’ll win.
a) aside from b) ahead of c) on board
3 ___________ Matt, he will arrive later.
a) As for b) Out of c) Up to
4 ___________ your behaviour, I think you were wrong.
a) As per b) Up until c) As to
5 ___________ expectations, the euro fell in value.
a) Next to b) In favour of c) Contrary to
6 Do you want some pork ___________ the chicken?
a) along with b) out of c) thanks to
7 Don’t worry ___________ me. Think about yourself.
a) apart from b) on top of c) on account of
8 Everyone came, ___________ Lek who had to work.
a) save for b) away from c) as for
9 Everyone was present, ___________ Mary. She stayed at home.
a) in face of b) out of c) except for
10 ___________ your letter, I have spoken to Mr Brown.
a) Forward of b) Further to c) Next to
Answers: 1a, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5c, 6a, 7c, 8a, 9c, 10b

Quizzes

Quiz 11 Complex prepositions
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.
1 He is _______________ the two opinions. He wants to compromise.
   a) in between b) up to c) instead of
2 He reacts bravely _______________ danger.
   a) up until b) in face of c) further to
3 He was sitting _______________ me in the plane.
   a) on board b) out of c) forward of
4 I am not _______________ your idea. It won’t work.
   a) in favour of b) thanks to c) away from
5 I am writing _______________ your order.
   a) away from b) up to c) with reference to
6 I don’t have any dollars. Can I pay euro _______________ dollars?
   a) opposite to b) in lieu of c) in spite of
7 I don’t like it, _______________ what you say.
   a) up against b) close to c) irrespective of
8 I don’t want it, _______________ the price. Even if it’s free.
   a) away from b) prior to c) regardless of
9 I have another car _______________ this one. Both are red.
   a) aside from b) out of c) by means of
10 I made a graph _______________ the meeting, so all was ready.
    a) except for b) on top of c) preparatory to
Answers: 1a, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6b, 7c, 8c, 9a, 10c

Quiz 12 Complex prepositions
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.
1 I never spoke French _______________ living in France.
   a) in front of b) prior to c) depending on
2 I prefer Jaguar cars _______________ BMW cars.
3 I'd like chicken please, _____________ vegetables.
   a) because of b) on behalf of c) together with

4 I'd like to speak to you _____________ your work.
   a) up against b) in front of c) with regard to

5 I'm calling you _____________ Mr Brown. I represent him.
   a) on behalf of b) contrary to c) in between

6 _____________ your illness, we will wait for a week.
   a) In lieu of b) In view of c) Next to

7 Is there a doctor _____________ this plane?
   a) on board b) on top of c) but for

8 It's a TV show _____________ CNN. Same style, similar content.
   a) up to b) à la c) save for

9 It's your fault! _____________ you, I'd have been on time.
   a) But for b) As to c) In favour of

10 My car is _____________ your car. About two cars away.
   a) on behalf of b) close to c) up until

Answers: 1b, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5a, 6b, 7a, 8b, 9a, 10b

Quiz 13 Complex prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 Nobody objected _____________ you, so we did it.
   a) apart from b) opposite to c) as well as

2 Sorry, no whisky. But we have every drink _____________ whisky.
   a) up against b) other than c) as per

3 Take your hands _____________ your pockets and help me!
   a) ahead of b) out of c) due to

4 _____________ Shirley, we arrived on time.
   a) Out of b) Thanks to c) On board

5 The cancellation was _____________ the rain. No other reason.
   a) close to b) on to c) due to

6 The cat is sitting _____________ the television.
   a) on top of b) on to c) as well as
7 The cat jumped _______________ the chair.
a) in case of b) other than c) on to
8 The cat ran _______________ the dog and escaped.
a) away from b) thanks to c) with regard to
9 The school’s _______________ the bank. Between the hotel and bank.
a) in front of b) next to c) on account of
10 The woman _______________ me was wearing a big hat.
a) further to b) as to c) in front of
Answers: 1a, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5c, 6a, 7c, 8a, 9b, 10c

Quiz 14 Complex prepositions
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.
1 There is a restaurant _______________ my office. Two minutes away.
a) except for b) near to c) preparatory to
2 There is a tree _______________ the house. Straight across the road.
a) forward of b) in lieu of c) opposite to
3 There was a shop here _______________ 1990. It closed that year.
a) up to b) aside from c) in face of
4 There were two people _______________ me. So that made three.
a) as for b) on board c) in addition to
5 They stopped _______________ the city to check the map.
a) but for b) outside of c) contrary to
6 We are _______________ a powerful enemy.
a) up against b) save for c) on behalf of
7 We can’t play tennis _______________ the rain.
a) as for b) other than c) because of
8 We didn’t go swimming, _______________ the cold weather.
a) on behalf of b) owing to c) with reference to
9 We don’t have any tea. Would you like coffee _______________ tea?
a) out of b) instead of c) by means of
10 We have a long day _______________ us. Let’s get going!
a) up until b) ahead of c) but for
Answers: 1b, 2c, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8b, 9b, 10b
Quizzes

**Quiz 15 Complex prepositions**

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. We must work strictly _______________ the law.
   a) on board b) apart from c) as per

2. We went swimming _______________ the cold water.
   a) in spite of b) as well as c) in case of

3. We worked _______________ they came. Then we stopped.
   a) up until b) ahead of c) depending on

4. We’ll play tennis tomorrow, _______________ the rain.
   a) on behalf of b) by means of c) depending on

5. We’re _______________ eggs. Shall I buy some?
   a) out of b) in spite of c) owing to

6. _______________ your comments, I’ll reply soon.
   a) On board b) By means of c) With reference to

7. You can park your car _______________ my house.
   a) in between b) save for c) in front of

8. You can phone me _______________ need. Day or night.
   a) in case of b) in front of c) up against

9. You open a door _______________ its handle.
   a) in spite of b) up to c) by means of

10. You should telephone _______________ write, just to be sure.
    a) as for b) as well as c) depending on

Answers: 1c, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5a, 6c, 7c, 8a, 9c, 10b

Quizzes

**Quiz 16 Prepositions of place**

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1. Don’t stand _______________ the television. I can’t see!
   a) on b) in front of c) above

2. Come and sit _______________ me so that I can hear you better.
   a) beside b) under c) on

3. From the plane we could see people in the fields _______________ us.
4 You'll have to turn round to see it. It's _______ you.
   a) behind b) in front of c) over

5 The dead man was lying _______ the ground.
   a) behind b) in front of c) on

6 Careful you don't scratch the table! Better put a cloth _______ it.
   a) above b) beside c) over

7 It's dark where the road goes _______ a railway bridge.
   a) on b) behind c) under

8 He looked up at the ceiling _______ him.
   a) above b) under c) below

9 You can sit _______ that chair. Nobody is sitting there.
   a) in front of b) on c) above

10 The police car came first. The president was in the car _______ it.
   a) behind b) on c) under

Answers: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5c, 6c, 7a, 8b, 9b, 10a

Quiz 17 Prepositions of time

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 Let's meet _______ the evening and then go for a drink.
   a) at b) in c) behind

2 Does your boss visit the office _______ the morning or afternoon?
   a) in b) at c) on

3 I like to get up _______ sunrise and go for a run.
   a) at b) on c) in

4 It's very quiet in this street _______ the day.
   a) during b) at c) beside

5 Does the sun rise _______ dawn or at dusk?
   a) at b) in c) on

6 What do you normally do _______ the evening?
   a) in b) at c) on

7 Mary starts work _______ 9.30am and finishes after 6pm.
   a) in b) during c) at
8 The sun is usually highest _________ noon.
a) during b) in c) at
9 The traffic is very bad _________ the morning and afternoon.
a) at b) on c) during
10 Most people sleep _________ night but I have to work.
a) during b) at c) in
Answers: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10b
Quizzes

Quiz 18 One-word and complex prepositions
Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.
1 _________ Ati, the film was good. But in my opinion it was boring.
a) Except for b) From c) According to
2 I have all my books _________ my dictionary, which I left at home.
a) regardless of b) through c) except for
3 He ran very fast and won the race _________ 10 seconds.
a) by b) on c) instead of
4 Nok bought her book _________ $20 but mine cost me $25.
a) for b) in c) save for
5 Who did you buy it _________? Have they got any more?
a) of b) from c) out of
6 It's always your fault if you hit the car _________ you.
a) on board b) in front of c) since
7 The ticket costs $5 _________ age. No special price for children.
a) inside b) close to c) regardless of
8 Their meal arrived, _________ a free bottle of wine.
a) astride b) according to c) together with
9 Oil doesn't mix _________ water. It stays separated.
a) with b) further to c) at
10 It was good _________ her to help. She has her own problems.
a) forward of b) off c) of
Answers: 1c, 2c, 3a, 4a, 5b, 6b, 7c, 8c, 9a, 10c
Quizzes

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Quiz 19 One-word and complex prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 That's typical of Tina. It's just __________ her to complain.
a) like b) until c) concerning

2 I can't talk now. But we can talk about it __________ dinner tonight.
a) over b) on to c) within

3 Come __________ 9 o'clock. Any time from 8.30 to 9.30 is ok.
a) around b) throughout c) up to

4 If the sea rises, some countries will be __________ sea-level.
a) pending b) outside of c) below

5 Everybody came at 9am, __________ Neil who came at 10am.
a) apart from b) underneath c) up against

6 There is a good view from my hotel because it is __________ a hill.
a) in b) except c) on top of

7 She started to walk __________ the man, but he followed her.
a) down b) away from c) out of

8 They sat __________ each other in the cinema and held hands.
a) below b) next to c) via

9 There are 31 days __________ December.
a) in b) on c) into

10 I sat in the back, __________ the driver. Andrea sat in front.
a) in face of b) to c) behind

Answers: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5a, 6c, 7b, 8b, 9a, 10c

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Quiz 20 One-word and complex prepositions

Choose the most suitable preposition (a, b or c) to fill the blank.

1 __________ the rain, they did not play tennis.
a) Worth b) Owing to c) On behalf of

2 Can I have fish __________ chicken? Chicken makes me sick.
a) across b) instead of c) together with

3 There were ten people __________ the meeting.
4 The ticket is $5 or $10, ____________ your age. How old are you?
   a) above b) out of c) depending on

5 I work ____________ Dr Hudson. I will have to ask him for permission.
   a) since b) under c) as for

6 After his wife died he went ____________ a very bad time.
   a) with b) through c) preparatory to

7 There was a good film ____________ television last night.
   a) in b) as to c) on

8 You should take paper ____________ a pen. They don’t have either.
   a) as b) as well as c) except for

9 Do I have to pay tax ____________ this charge? Or is it included?
   a) in addition to b) onto c) counting

10 I’m phoning ____________ your recent order.
   a) opposite b) in between c) with reference to

Answers: 1b, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b, 7c, 8b, 9a, 10c