

Prepositions Practice

Directions: Rewrite as directed, on a separate piece of paper. Refer to your notes or textbook if you have questions.

Exercise 1: For each phrase, write the preposition and its object.

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| 1. a seat in the last row | 11. the grass on the front lawn |
| 2. ventured through the night | 12. lasted for an hour |
| 3. the presentation of an award | 13. a bird outside my window |
| 4. riding on the early train | 14. reading to all the children |
| 5. the man without a name | 15. hiding behind a old tree |
| 6. crashing down the mountain | 16. a rabbit running over a bridge |
| 7. soaring high about the clouds | 17. impressed by the hard work |
| 8. all of them | 18. walking past the fence |
| 9. running against the wind | 19. far beyond the tracks |
| 10. anyone besides you | 20. the wheel above the deck |

Exercise 2: Write a sentence for each pair of words listed. Use the first word as a preposition in the sentence and the second word as its object, adding adjectives and adverbs wherever necessary.

sample: **outside, town**
answer: **The weary travelers decided to stay outside the town.**

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| 1. from, sister | 6. during, show |
| 2. without, money | 7. before, appointment |
| 3. about, accident | 8. over, land |
| 4. of, page | 9. at, top |
| 5. pending, agreement | 10. through, glass |

Exercise 3: Write two prepositions or compound prepositions that would make sense for each sentence below.

1. The exterminator was reluctant to spray insecticide ____ the confines of the room.
2. ____ the infestation, the tenants decided to move.
3. There was little disagreement ____ the tenants and the landlord.
4. The infestation was found to have originated ____ the window of the first floor apartment.
5. ____ the next month everyone will be able to return home.

Exercise 4: On your paper, list the prepositions that appear in each of the following sentences. Remember that some prepositions are made up of more than one word. (The numeral in parentheses at the end of each item indicates the number of prepositions in that sentence.)

1. Scenic Jackson Hole Valley lies at the foot of the Teton Mountains. (2)
2. Towering above Jackson Hole, the Tetons have ten peaks that are more than ten thousand feet high. (1)
3. According to reports, the first white trapper in Jackson Hole was John Coulter. (2)
4. With the exception of hardly mountaineers who haunted game, early pioneers stayed outside the valley. (3)
5. In the 1880s, the first homesteaders became concerned about the survival of Jackson Hole elk. (3)
6. As a result, in 1912 the National Elk Refuge was established within the valley. (3)
7. In addition to the elk problem, there was the question of conservation. (2)
8. By 1929 Congress had established the Grand Teton National Park along the eastern slopes of the Tetons. (3)
9. In the meantime John D. Rockefeller Jr. had acquired acres of Jackson Hole land for public use. (3)
10. Through the intervention of Franklin D. Roosevelt, a 221,000-acre Jackson Hole National Monument was established in 1943. (3)