

12 Prepositions

108 Prepositions: at, to; preposition/adverb: in

☐ PEG 90, 93

Insert suitable prepositions in the following.

- 1 Could I speak . . . Tom, please? ~
I'm afraid Tom's . . . work. But Jack's Would you like to speak . . . him?
- 2 How do I get . . . the air terminal? ~
Turn right . . . the end of this street and you'll see it . . . front of you.
- 3 He started going . . . school . . . the age of five. So now he's been . . . school for ten years. He's leaving . . . the end of this year.
- 4 He goes . . . his office every day except Sunday. On Sundays he stays . . . home and works . . . the garden.
- 5 I think I left my umbrella . . . the bus. I'd better write . . . the Lost Property Office.
- 6 We arrived . . . the airport . . . good time for the plane.
- 7 Can I look up a word . . . your dictionary? I left mine . . . home.
- 8 Our train arrived . . . York . . . 6.30. Paul met us . . . the station.
- 9 Have you been . . . the theatre recently? ~
Yes, I was . . . the Old Vic last night.
- 10 I'm returning . . . France . . . the end of this term. ~
Are you coming back . . . England after the holidays?
- 11 He isn't living . . . home now, but if you write . . . his home they'll forward the letter . . . his new address.
- 12 I went . . . bed early but I couldn't get . . . sleep because the people . . . the next room were talking so loudly.
- 13 . . . first I found the work very tiring, but . . . a few weeks I got used . . . it.
- 14 There was an accident . . . the crossroads . . . midnight last night. Two men were taken . . . hospital. I believe one of them is still . . . hospital.
- 15 . . . the daytime the streets are crowded but . . . night they are quite deserted.
- 16 . . . first her father refused to allow her to go back . . . work; but . . . the end he agreed.
- 17 . . . the beginning of a textbook there is a preface, and . . . the end there is an index.
- 18 He went . . . sea . . . 18, and spent all his working life . . . sea. He retired . . . 56 and went to live . . . the country.

- 19 I saw Tom . . . the bus stop this morning but couldn't speak . . . him because we were standing . . . a queue and he was . . . the front of it and I was . . . the back.
- 20 I'll leave some sandwiches . . . the fridge in case you are hungry when you come in.
- 21 We'd better start . . . six, because climbing up . . . the gallery takes some time. I hope you don't mind sitting . . . the gallery. ~
No, of course not. When I go . . . the opera I always go . . . the gallery.
- 22 He is always . . . a hurry. He drives . . . a tremendous speed.
- 23 When he began speaking . . . English, she looked . . . him . . . amazement.
- 24 Write . . . ink and put your name . . . the top of the page.
- 25 We start serving breakfasts . . . 7.30. Shall I send yours up . . . your room, or will you have it . . . the restaurant?
- 26 He's always . . . a bad temper . . . breakfast time.
- 27 According . . . the guidebook there are three hotels . . . the town.
- 28 The pilot climbed . . . 5,000 metres and flew . . . that height till he got . . . the coast. Then he came down . . . 1,000 metres and began to take photographs.
- 29 I'm interested . . . chess but I'm not very good . . . it.
- 30 Who is the girl . . . the blue dress, sitting . . . the head of the table?
- 31 I couldn't offer him a room . . . my flat because . . . that time my mother-in-law was staying with us.
- 32 The train stopped . . . all the stations, and long before we got . . . London every seat was taken and people were standing . . . the corridors.
- 33 Shall we discuss it . . . my room, or shall I come . . . your office?
- 34 . . . my astonishment I was the only person . . . the bar. Everyone else had gone . . . the Casino.
- 35 The Loch Ness Monster is supposed to live . . . the bottom of the Loch and come . . . the surface from time . . . time.
- 36 You can't say that he lives . . . luxury. There's hardly any furniture . . . his room. He hasn't even got a desk to write

109 Prepositions and prepositions/adverbs: at, by, in, into, of, off, on, out (of), to, under, with

▣ PEG 90, 92-4, 95 G

Fill the gaps in the following sentences from the above list.

- 1 I'm going to Bath . . . Monday . . . Tom. Would you like to come . . . us? ~
Are you going . . . bus? ~
No, we're going . . . Tom's car.

- 2 I saw him standing . . . the queue but I don't know whether he got . . . the bus or not.
- 3 How do you go . . . school? ~
It depends . . . the weather. . . . wet days I go . . . tube; . . . fine weather I go . . . foot.
- 4 The car stopped . . . the traffic lights and wouldn't start again, so the driver got . . . and pushed it . . . the side . . . the road.
- 5 Someone threw a stone . . . the speaker. It hit him . . . the head and knocked his glasses
- 6 I want to post this . . . a friend . . . Italy. Will he have to pay duty . . . it?
- 7 According . . . Tom, it is impossible to live . . . Paris . . . less than £10,000 a year.
- 8 Are you . . . your own (*alone*)? ~
No, I'm . . . a friend . . . mine.
- 9 You ought to be ashamed . . . yourself for coming . . . my nice clean kitchen . . . muddy boots.
- 10 Children get presents . . . Christmas and . . . their birthdays.
- 11 How would we get (*escape from*) this room if the hotel were . . . fire?
- 12 He arrived . . . London . . . 6 p.m. . . . a foggy November day. We often have fogs . . . November.
- 13 The man . . . his back . . . the camera is the Minister . . . Agriculture.
- 14 How do I get . . . the Public Library? ~
Go . . . the end . . . this street and turn right; turn left . . . the next traffic lights and then take the second turning . . . your right. This will bring you . . . Brook Street, and you'll find the library . . . your left.
- 15 Alternatively you could get a 14 bus . . . this stop and ask the conductor to tell you where to get . . . (*alight*).
- 16 The boy was leaning against the wall . . . his hands . . . his pockets. 'Take your hands your pockets,' said his father sharply.
- 17 As she was getting the car one . . . her buttons fell
Although we were . . . a hurry she insisted . . . stopping to look for it.
- 18 Mr Jones is very keen . . . punctuality. His lessons start dead . . . time and you get . . . terrible trouble if you're late.
- 19 The man . . . the pipe and red hair is the brother . . . the girl . . . blue.
- 20 Don't leave your luggage . . . the corridor. It'll be . . . everyone's way. Bring it . . . the compartment and put it . . . the rack.
- 21 He sits . . . his desk all day . . . his head . . . his hands. It gets . . . my nerves.
- 22 . . . mistake I opened Mary's letter instead . . . my own. She was very angry . . . me and said that I'd done it . . . purpose.
- 23 I buy a newspaper . . . my way . . . the station and read it . . . the train. By the time I get . . . London I've read most . . . it.

- 24 He was charged . . . driving while . . . the influence . . . alcohol.
- 25 People who drop litter . . . the pavements are liable . . . a fine . . . £50.
- 26 He accused me . . . selling secret information . . . the enemy.
- 27 You look worried. Are you . . . some sort . . . trouble? ~
Yes, . . . a way. I'm . . . debt and my creditors want to be paid . . . the end . . . the month, and . . . the moment I haven't any money . . . the bank.
- 28 The car skidded . . . the tree, the windscreen was smashed and the driver was cut . . . the face . . . splinters . . . glass.
- 29 Four people were injured . . . the demonstration. Three . . . them are students . . . the university, the fourth is here . . . holiday. That's him over there . . . his arm . . . plaster.
- 30 This picture was painted . . . Picasso; and there's another Picasso . . . the opposite wall.
- 31 The horse stopped suddenly and the rider fell He couldn't get . . . again without help and there was no one . . . sight.
- 32 The children hastily changed . . . bathing things and jumped . . . the river . . . shouts of delight.
- 33 We'll have to go . . . car; we can't go . . . bus . . . account . . . the bus strike.
- 34 Divers breathing a mixture . . . helium and oxygen can work . . . a depth . . . 100 metres.
- 35 I'm tired . . . working . . . the suburbs and I've asked to be transferred . . . our central branch.
- 36 Can I have Monday . . . ? *or* Can I have a holiday . . . Monday?
I want to go . . . my grandson's wedding.

110 Prepositions and prepositions/adverbs: **at, by, during, for, from, in, of, on, over, since, till, under, with**

■ PEG 87, 90-1

Insert suitable words, choosing them from the above list.

- 1 I've lived . . . this street . . . ten years.
- 2 He has lived . . . 101 Cornwall Gardens . . . 1966.
- 3 . . . the age . . . 18 he was sent to prison . . . theft.
- 4 He was . . . prison . . . two years. . . . that time he became interested . . . pigeons.
- 5 There is a parcel of books . . . you . . . the table . . . the hall. ~
Oh, they must be . . . my brother. He always sends me books . . . my birthday.
- 6 We heard that Bill wasn't . . . arrest but was helping the police . . . their enquiries. The police are interested . . . a bank robbery which took place . . . Bill's last holidays.

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Exercise 108 1 to; at; in; to 2 to; at, in 3 to, at; at; at 4 to; at, in
5 in; to 6 at, in 7 in; at 8 in, at; at 9 to; at 10 to, at; to 11 at, to, to
12 to, to, in 13 At, in, to 14 at, at; to, in 15 In, at 16 At, to, in
17 At, at 18 to, at, at; at, in 19 at, to, in, at, at 20 in 21 at, to; in; to,
to 22 in; at 23 in, at, in 24 in, at 25 at; to, in 26 in, at 27 to, in
28 to, at, to; to 29 in, at 30 in, at 31 in, at 32 at, to, in 33 in, to
34 To, in; to 35 at, to, to 36 in; in; at

Exercise 109 1 on, with; with; by; in 2 in, on/into 3 to; on; On, by, in,
on 4 at, out, to, of 5 at; on, off 6 to, in; on 7 to, in, on 8 on; with, of
9 of, into, in/with 10 at, on 11 out of, on 12 in, at, on; in 13 with, to,
of 14 to; to, of, at, to/on; to, on 15 at/from, off/out 16 with, in; out of
17 into/out of, of, off; in, on 18 on; on, into 19 with, of, in 20 in; in;
into, on 21 at, with, in; on 22 By, of; with, on 23 on, to, in/on; to, of
24 with, under, of 25 on, to, of 26 of, to 27 in, of; in; in, at/by, of, at,
in 28 into, in, by, of 29 in/at; of, at, on; with, in 30 by, on 31 off; on,
in 32 into, into, with 33 by, by, on, of 34 of, at, of 35 of, in, to
36 off; on; to