

Integrated Grammar Practice



1. Given below are instructions for opening a bank account. Use these to complete the paragraph that follows.

- obtain form from the bank
- fill in the form with all the relevant details
- ask an account-holder to countersign your form
- submit two passport-size photographs
- deposit the minimum amount required

First a form must be (a) _____. All relevant details (b) _____. The form must then (c) _____. Two passport-size photographs along with proof of residence (d) _____. Finally the minimum amount required (e) _____.

2. Given below are a few news headlines. Using information from the same, complete the sentences that follow.

1. India Allows Airspace to Pak

In the first public move to diffuse tension between the two countries, India _____ through Indian airspace.

2. Research Work at AIIMS Stalled for Want of Animals

More than 50 research projects at the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences _____ to conduct experiments on.

3. After making Toilets, MCD Looks for Users

About 250 toilet complexes constructed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi with Japanese aid have turned into liabilities as apparently _____

4. Selling Kidneys to make a Living

Starving Tribals of Idduki district _____ to make a living.

5. Kidneys Donated without Medical Inspection

Most of the kidney donation procedures _____
the required medical examination in Indian hospitals.

3. **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.**

	Error	correction
Traditionally the festival of Holi is told to	(a) _____	
mark a beginning of summer. While	(b) _____	
there are some people who rise a cheer	(c) _____	
at that prospect, the rest of us neither sigh	(d) _____	
resignedly or contemplate suicide, and began to	(e) _____	
hunt out our cottons, servicing all our cooling	(f) _____	
devices, hang in the chiks, and prepare to	(g) _____	
endure the season for heat, dust and sweat	(h) _____	

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4. **Complete the following paragraph on one of the earlier voyages of Columbus by choosing the correct options.**

Christopher Columbus , (a) _____ born in 1451 AD.
Unlike the people of his time, (b) _____. In order to
prove his belief he said (c) _____, he could reach
Japan. Queen Isabella of Spain supported him. Columbus sailed west (d)
_____ three ships. Unfortunately, one of the ships was
wrecked. Columbus returned to Spain (e) _____ to
form a colony.

- (a) (i) a skilled sailor and an explorer, was
(iii) being a skilled sailor and an explorer was
(b) (i) but Columbus believed that the Earth was round
(ii) Columbus had believed that the Earth was round
(iii) but Columbus believed that the Earth is round
(iv) Columbus believed that the Earth was round
(c) (i) if he sails west from Europe
(iii) if he sailed west from Europe
(d) (i) with a crew of ninety men on
(iii) with a crew of ninety men having
(e) (i) left behind forty men in the island of Hispaniola
(ii) leaving behind forty men on the island of Hispaniola
(iii) has left forty men on the island of Hispaniola
(iv) is leaving forty men on the island of Hispaniola
- (ii) was skilled sailor and an explorer
(iv) a skilled sailor and an explorer is
(ii) if he is sailing west of Europe
(iv) if he sailed west to Europe
(ii) having a crew of ninety men in
(iv) going with a crew of ninety men on

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct options from those given below.

Electronic commerce, it seems, still has (a) _____ limits, even in the Silicon Valley. For all the feverish excitement (b) _____ the tripling of electronic shopping last holiday season, the total money (c) _____ by American consumers online still (d) _____ to only about one percent of its total sales—barely a tenth (e) _____ the revenues from (f) _____ method of distance selling that has been (g) _____ for a century; the catalogue. This may be because electronic shopping (h) _____ on quite a narrow range of goods, mainly books, toys and music. Worse, there (i) _____ many stories of failed and late deliveries. And, more recently, a string of hackers' attacks (j) _____ temporarily disabled some of the best-known e-commerce websites.

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| (a) (i) their | (ii) a | (iii) the | (iv) its |
| (b) (i) about | (ii) of | (iii) in | (iv) for |
| (c) (i) spend | (ii) spending | (iii) spent | (iv) being spent |
| (d) (i) amount | (ii) amounted | (iii) amounts | (iv) amounting |
| (e) (i) of | (ii) for | (iii) by | (iv) for |
| (f) (i) another | (ii) other | (iii) some | (iv) the other |
| (g) (i) user | (ii) used | (iii) uses | (iv) in use |
| (h) (i) concentrated | (ii) is concentrating | (iii) was concentrated | (iv) had concentrated |
| (i) (i) were | (ii) have been | (iii) has been | (iv) was |
| (j) (i) has | (ii) have | (iii) having | (iv) had |

- 6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.**

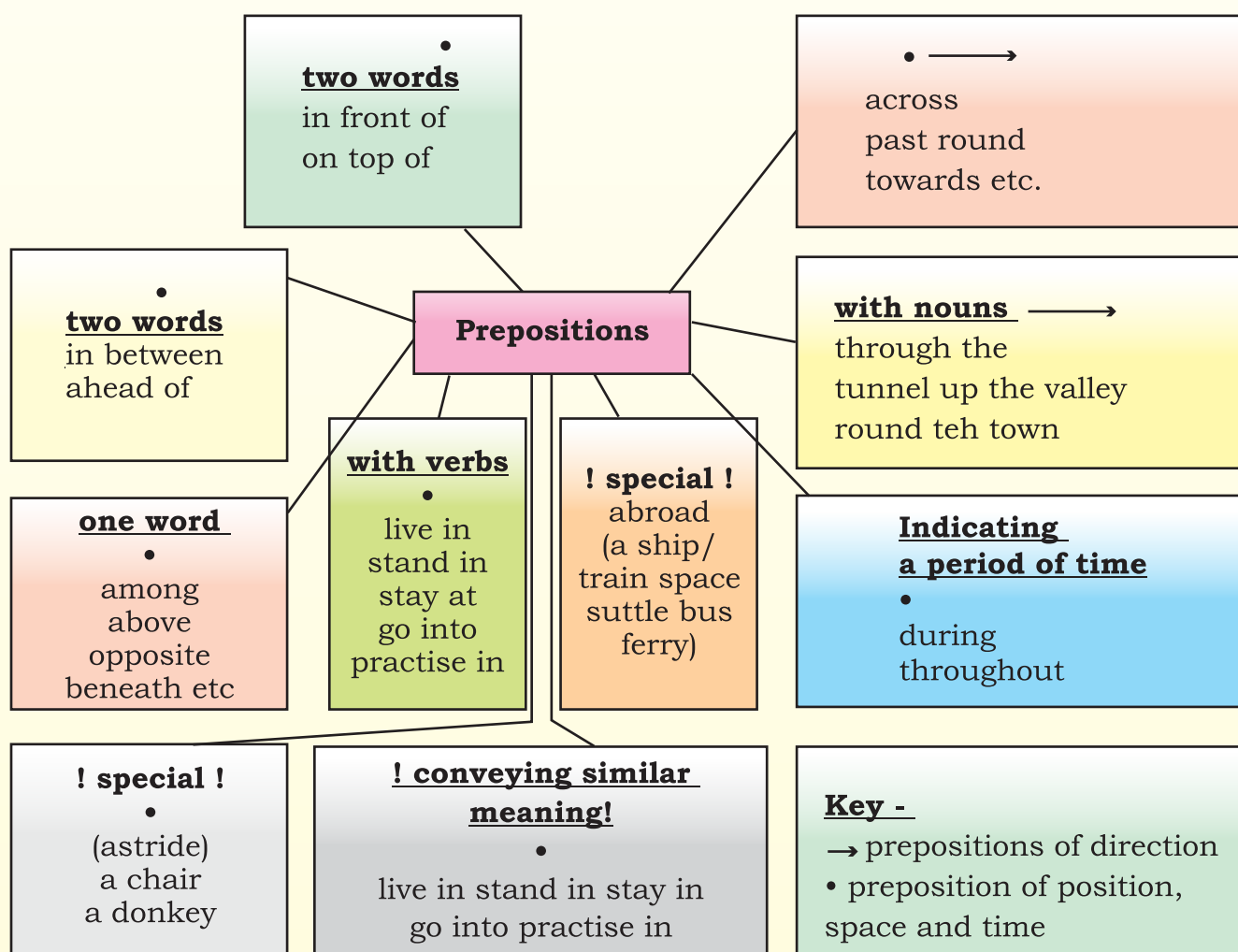
It was my second year boarding- school	(a) _____
and was sitting on platform No.8 at	(b) _____
Ambala station waiting the north-bound train.	(c) _____
I think I was about twelvle at time. My	(d) _____
parents considered me old to travel alone,	(e) _____
and I arrived by bus Ambala early in	(f) _____
the evening; now there was a wait midnight	(g) _____
before my train arrived. Most the time I had	(h) _____
been pacing up and down the platform.	

PREPOSITIONS

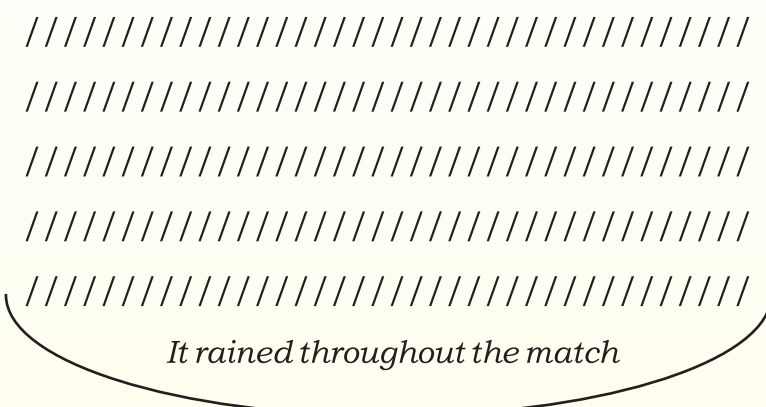
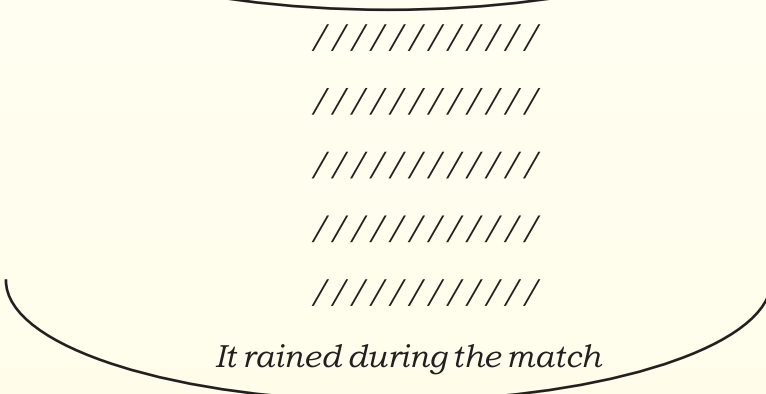
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UNIT

Prepositions often present a problem for students, but the problem is not really a serious one. So, you should not worry too much about them. Areas such as Modals, Conditionals and Subject - Verb agreement are far more important. If you make mistakes in these areas, the breakdown in communication that results will probably be far more serious than if you make a mistake with a preposition. That is why we have left this unit last.

- You are already very familiar with common prepositions such as 'at', 'on' and 'in'. So, this short unit will focus on some of the less common but very useful ones. They are listed in the diagram below.**



2. Look at the following:

- a) 
- b) 

Which one of the following explanations matches the above sentences? Write the letter in the box.

at one particular time / particular times in that period

for the entire period

3. Read this paragraph. Underline the two prepositions from A.1 above. Then circle the time period they are referring to.

When the Nalaban Bird Sanctuary was flooded during the monsoons, the flamingos disappeared temporarily. Some of them were spotted on other islands in the lake. However, the long-legged birds flew back to the lake throughout the winter months. A record amount of migration was noticed in the first week of January.


Match each of the two prepositions above with its dictionary definition below:

1. right through;
through the whole of (a place or period of time)

1. concurrently with (some other activity)
2. within the limit of (a period of time)

4. Complete the sentences below with appropriate prepositions.

1. My grandfather is always complaining _____ the pain in his back.
2. The pilot blamed his colleague _____ losing their way.
3. An infant depends _____ its mother for food.
4. He is worried _____ his bad results.
5. They're very fond _____ tennis.
6. You were absent _____ the Science Club yesterday.
7. I was angry _____ my brother for breaking my tape recorder.



Now refer to a dictionary and find out the prepositions that are normally used with the following words: complain, blame, depend, fond, absent and angry.

- 5. Take five different prepositions from the chart in A.1. Then write five sentences containing one each of those prepositions on a piece of paper. But leave out the prepositions in each. Then hand your piece of paper to a partner. She/ he must complete your sentences, using the correct prepositions.**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- 6. Fill appropriate prepositions in the blanks in the following sentences:**

- a) Since Raju is clever _____ painting, he should join an art academy.
- b) They accused their neighbours _____ dumping garbage in front of their house.
- c) The students agreed _____ their teacher's suggestion regarding the choice of place for an excursion.
- d) He had to leave the firm because his superiors did not agree _____ him on many issues.
- e) We should abide _____ the constitution of our country.
- f) All the furniture in my office is made _____ wood.
- g) Sugar is made _____ sugar beat and sugar cane.
- h) The two countries entered _____ an agreement to increase bilateral trade.

- i) Though Rahul does not like his rather imperious uncle, he tries to be polite _____ him.
- j) The principal congratulated the school basketball team _____ their success in the inter school tournament.

7. Correct the following sentences.

- a) It is essential that we discuss about your proposal before reaching any decision.
- b) The class fell silent as the teacher entered into the classroom.
- c) I have been living here since four years.
- d) The tournament will be held between Monday to Friday.
- e) Rani closely resembles to her maternal aunt.
- f) As the train was approaching to the station, someone pulled the chain and brought it to a halt.
- g) Connectors are also called as discourse markers.

Study sentences (a), (b), (e), (f) and (g). What conclusion can you draw from these examples about the correct use of prepositions?

8. Read the following sentences in which prepositions occur before particular words and expressions.

- a) Let's go in the car instead of by bus.
- b) Seen from his point of view, the proposal seems quite reasonable.

Now fill appropriate prepositions in the blanks to complete the following sentences.

- a) _____ my opinion, he should have accepted the offer.
- b) Who is the woman _____ a dark red saree?
- c) Is there any good show _____ the TV tonight?
- d) The old man would have died if he had not been taken to the hospital _____ time.
- e) The Chairman of the Board wanted the meeting to start exactly _____ time.

9. Pilloo has always had problems with prepositions. Edit this letter for him. Delete the incorrect prepositions and/ or insert the correct one wherever you think it is necessary. (There are eight mistakes altogether.)

Anand Bhawan
Udaipur
27 January 2011

Dear Binod

I must say time really flies! Because of lack of time, I couldn't write to you earlier. The great news is Anil is marrying with a Sikkimese girl. I must say he's a lucky guy! Reena wasn't too happy for it and Anil was very rude with her. He said he didn't care for her opinion. She wasn't nice with me either.

I've had no time for practice so I'm not taking part at the Athletics meet. I'm no good at either the high jump or the long jump and going there without practice would make it worse.

Yes, do write to Yak and Yeti Travels asking for details from their special offer. If it's within our budget, it'll be a great holiday. Write when you can.

Love

Pilloo

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1. **This is a conversation between a father and his son. After reading the conversation, report the conversation in your own words.**

Father : Why did you return home late today?

Son : My motorbike brakes failed on the way.

Father : Why didn't you check your brakes before starting?

Son : I was in a hurry. I didn't have the time.

Father : It shows how careless you are. If you keep your bike in a good condition, you will save yourself a lot of trouble and time.

The father asked (a) _____. The boy replied (b) _____. On hearing this, the father (c) _____. The boy said that as (d) _____ Disappointed on hearing this, the father observed that it showed how careless he was. He added that if (f) _____.

2. **Look at the newspaper headlines given and then use the information in them to complete the news items below by filling in each blank.**

1. No Hike in School Fee

Delhi Education Minister has nullified the apprehension that the fee of government schools _____.

2. Medical College Admissions to Reduce

Admissions of students in medical and dental colleges _____ by 2000 and 3000 seats respectively for want of renewal of permission from the centre.

3. ISSUE OF COMUTERISED HOUSE TAX BILLS.

The government of Delhi has decided that _____ within two months.

4. New Postal Stamp released

A commemorative stamp in honour of Babu Gulab Rai, _____ on 22 June by the Prime Minister.

5. Telephone Cables Cut

Two underground cables of 1200 pairs and 800 pairs capacity each _____ and stolen in Sarita Vihar exchange area on the night of 19 June.

3. Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you.

friends/I/my/were/grandmother/and/good

My grandmother and I were good friends.

1. left me/my parents/with her/they/in the city/when/went to live

2. morning/wake me up/she used to/in/the

3. she said/prayers/sing song/in a monotonous/morning/her/voice

4. listened/I/loved/I/her voice/because

5. she always/with me/school/she/to/went

4. Read the instructions for a cookware given below and then fill in the blanks in the paragraph that follows with one suitable word in each blank.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Remove the label before cooking and rinse in warm soapy water.
- b. Medium to low heat recommended for all cooking procedures.
- c. Never use on high heat.
- d. Very high temperature could cause sticking, loosening of handles
- e. Easy maintenance. Use liquid soap only, not detergents.

The label(a) _____ to be removed before cooking. Then the cookware (b) _____ be rinsed in warm soapy water. It is advisable to keep (c) _____ medium to low heat for all cooking procedures. The cookware (d) _____ never be used on high heat. Very high temperatures (e) _____ cause sticking. The handles (f) _____ also loosen. However, you (g) _____ not worry about (h) _____ as it is quite easy. The cookware (h) _____ be cleaned with liquid soap and warm water. One (h) _____ not use detergents for cleaning these pans.

5. Read the following newspaper headlines and complete the news items given below.

a. Hostages Released

Bihar police report that all the hostages _____ by the gangsters today.

b. Women's Reservation Bill Blocked

The bill to grant 30% reservation to women _____ at the introductory stage itself by vociferous protests from the opposition.

c. 20 Killed in Torrential Rains

Mumbai: At least 20 persons _____ and dozens injured in floods caused by torrential rains in Mumbai.

d. Aussies Crush South Africa

The South African team _____ 3-0 by the Australians in the three test series which concluded recently.

e. Cold Resistant Plant Discovered

A cold resistant plant with rich nutrition and medicinal properties _____ by the DRDO scientists.

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She was one of pretty and charming
young girls sometimes are born, as if
by a slip of fate, a family of clerks.
She no dowry, no expectations, no way
of known, understood, loved and wedded
by rich and distinguished man; so
she let be married to a little clerk
of the Ministry Public Instruction.

- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____
(g) _____
(h) _____