

# 22 Prepositions 2



## Word Classes

### A Careful Choices

1 Choose any preposition used on the last page to complete these. Use each preposition once.

- a) full .....
- b) wait .....
- c) disagree .....
- d) aim .....
- e) according .....
- f) suffer .....
- g) comment .....
- h) ..... yesterday
- i) ..... now
- j) ..... course



### B Which One?

1 Select the correct preposition. Cross out the incorrect one.

- a) I am tired  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{of} \\ \text{with} \end{array} \right]$  asking.
- b) She will differ  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{with} \\ \text{from} \end{array} \right]$  me, I'm sure.
- c) He will be disappointed  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{in} \\ \text{with} \end{array} \right]$  the result.
- d) We are all equal  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{to} \\ \text{with} \end{array} \right]$  each other.
- e) He is the victim  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{of} \\ \text{about} \end{array} \right]$  an attack.
- f) She is the opposite  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{of} \\ \text{from} \end{array} \right]$  her sister.

### C Lines Alone

1 Underline the prepositions in these sentences.

- a) Shaun sat beside his brother.
- b) The sun rose above the clouds.
- c) The bag was near the gate.
- d) The ball went through the window.
- e) Beneath the wharf was an old boot.
- f) Wait until tomorrow.
- g) You must speak to her.
- h) We'll work with the beach clean-up volunteers.
- i) He left in a rebellious mood.
- j) I rely on you for advice.

### D A Selection

1 Supply the correct preposition for each sentence. Use a selection of different prepositions.

- a) You may rely ..... me to help out.
- b) He came ..... his friends.
- c) Get your feet ..... the table!
- d) I'll see you ..... the gym.
- e) He has an ear ..... music.
- f) It is easy to confide ..... him.
- g) The remote is ..... the cushion.
- h) He is not afraid ..... spiders.
- i) She was escorted ..... her friend.
- j) Never shrink ..... doing your best.
- k) My bike was leaning ..... the wall.





Punctuation

Quotation marks ( ' ' ) are single inverted commas and they indicate titles and extracts.

Examples : 'Lord of the Rings' 'Snoopy's Christmas'

Sometimes, single quotation marks are used to show a saying that may give added meaning to a sentence.

Examples : He was known as the 'Pirate King'. It was said 'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm'.

A My Choice

1 Complete this chart by writing a title for each of the following. Enclose the title with single quotation marks.

titles	your choice
newspaper	.....
magazine	.....
book	.....
poem	.....
song	.....
TV programme	.....
radio programme	.....

B Using Quotation Marks

1 Use quotation marks ( ' ' ) in the appropriate places in each of these sentences. One is done for you.

- a) He still enjoyed Michael Jackson's song 'Bad'.
- b) Every morning Dad read The New Zealand Herald at the breakfast table.
- c) Shortland Street is a very popular TV show.
- d) Brooke Fraser's CD Albertine sold well in Australia.
- e) Girls who love horses should read the book Black Beauty.
- f) The film Ocean's Thirteen starred Brad Pitt and George Clooney.

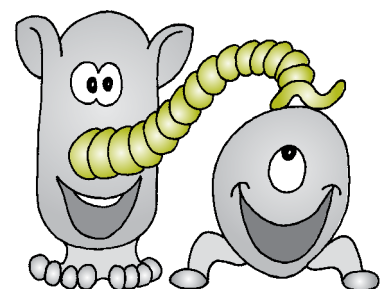
C Favourites

1 Complete each sentence with your own ideas but make sure your answers include the use of quotation marks.

- a) My favourite TV programme is .....  
because .....
- b) The best line from my favourite song .....  
is .....
- c) My favourite magazine is .....
- d) My favourite book is .....  
because .....

2 Use quotation marks in the correct place in each sentence.

- a) How the Leopard Got His Spots is an animal folk-tale.
- b) I must write a book review on Beyond the Pole by Peter Melsome.
- c) The story of The Hobbit was set in Middle Earth.
- d) The play The Monster has some very funny characters in it.





A **synonym** has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. When writing or speaking it is useful to know a variety of words that have similar meanings so you can avoid repetition in your writing. A Thesaurus is a dictionary of synonyms.

Examples :      Synonyms :      *study - learn, read, search*                      *jump - leap*

### A Two the Same

1 Circle the word that means the same as the first word.

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|----------------|----------|----------|
| a) quarrel     | fetch    | feud     |
| b) obstruct    | hinder   | help     |
| c) investigate | explore  | enhance  |
| d) popular     | astonish | accepted |
| e) detach      | seldom   | separate |

2 Write two words that are synonyms of the first word.

- a) admire .....  
 b) courage .....  
 c) efficient .....  
 d) fade .....  
 e) accurate .....

### B Of Interest

1 Choose the more effective synonym to complete each sentence.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) { cold<br>chilly       | b) { nervous<br>hesitant  | c) { noiselessly<br>silently |
| d) { peaceful<br>tranquil | e) { faultless<br>perfect |                              |

- a) The wind was so ..... it seemed to reach down to his bones.  
 b) The horse moved with ..... steps towards her outstretched hand.  
 c) The owl dived ..... toward the unsuspecting mouse.  
 d) The waters of the lake were ..... in the windless air.  
 e) The gymnast's routine was ..... during the competition.

### C Synonym Strings

1 Add synonyms to each lead word to make a synonym string.

a) severe			
b) noise	<b>disturbance</b>		
c) watchful			

### D Fine Meanings

1 These synonyms have nearly the same meaning. See if you can briefly state the slight difference in meaning.

- a) *yell* .....  
*scream* .....
- b) *leap* .....  
*vault* .....



Dictionary Skills

The headword is followed by its pronunciation and part of speech. This is then followed by an explanation of what that word means. Some words can be used in different ways and these are numbered **1, 2** etc.

Example :

**ocean** (say o-shin) *noun*  
**1.** a) the very large area of salt water which covers about 71 per cent of the earth's surface.  
b) a major division of this: 'the Pacific *Ocean*'.  
**2.** a very large area or amount: 'an *ocean* of faces in the crowd'.  
*Word Family:* **oceanic** (say o-shee-annik), *adjective*, a) of or relating to the ocean, b) vast or enormous.  
[from Latin]

- Headword
- Details
- Explanation



**A Three Meanings**

1 Look up the following words in your dictionary and list three brief meanings for each word.

a) *crop*

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b) *heel*

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c) *tumbler*

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**B Hail to Heros**

1 Look up the word *hero* in your dictionary. Write out the first definition given for the word *hero*.

a) .....  
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b) Give a brief meaning for each of these words derived from the word *hero*.

*heroine* .....  
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*heroic* .....  
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**C Lift Off!**

1 The word *lift* has many meanings, both as a verb and a noun. Write two different meanings for the word *lift* (one as a verb, one as a noun) and then use *lift* in a sentence for each one to show you understand the definition.

a) Meaning (v) : .....  
Sentence : .....  
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b) Meaning (n) : .....  
Sentence : .....  
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Sentences are of two types. *Simple* sentences and *compound* sentences. A simple sentence says one thing about the subject. This information about the subject may come from a verb (a single word) or it may be contained in a predicate (verb plus a few words).

Examples : Label the subject and also label the predicate.

Tony's bicycle shone.

Tony's bicycle is brand new.

subject  
 predicate

Simple sentences, which are generally short, can be used to show speed or action in a story.

Example : He felt breathless. His heart raced. Sweat rolled down his face.

### A Add and Circle

- Add a predicate to each of the following and circle the verb used.
  - Natasha .....
  - Ben .....
  - Several students .....
  - The eggs .....
  - Nathan .....

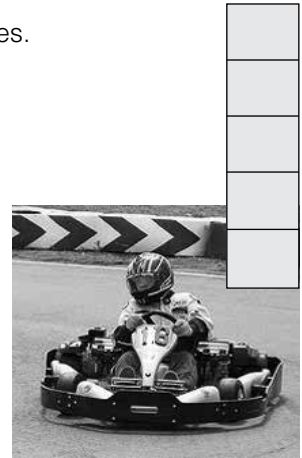
2 Circle the subject in these sentences.

- The spider spun its web.
- With a hiss, the waves swept the shore.
- Snow glistened in the sun.
- Several apples lay on the table.
- The truck slowly made its way up the hill.
- Max crawled under the duvet.
- With a loud yell, Sam fell.

### B Tick and Cross

1 ✓ the sentences and ✗ the incomplete sentences.

- The red roof was made of tiles.
- Crawling over the rocks.
- Grasping the ball.
- Three go-kart competitors.
- He left his bag on the bus.



2 Underline the predicate in these sentences.

- The water splashed softly.
- The snakes slithered away.
- Cars were parked in the street.
- In the driveway lay the bike.
- Swiftly the ball was passed.

### C Amazing Godwits

1 Underline the simple sentences in this paragraph.



*In March and April, some birds migrate from New Zealand to destinations as far away as the Arctic. The godwit is such a migratory bird. In preparation for their 10 000 km journey, the godwits have to double their normal bodyweight.*

*Birds migrate because of food. When the chicks are born in the Arctic the rich feeding areas are exploited, then they escape the freezing winter and scarcity of food by flying south to New Zealand. Migratory birds usually follow well-defined routes called flyways, where they can stop off during the journey to refuel. The godwits fly for 5000 km, accompanied by juveniles only a few months old, before they stop to refuel, rest and fly another 5000 km. They are truly amazing birds!*



**A Exploring Mars**

1 Read the BBC newsite article on page 108, then answer these questions with short answers and facts.

- a) What do the initials MRO stand for? .....
- b) How long has the MRO satellite been orbiting Mars? .....
- c) How many instruments does the MRO have onboard? .....
- d) Which of these instruments has proved water exists on Mars? .....
- e) How would you describe the water found on Mars? .....
- f) Which crater clearly shows signs of flowing water? .....
- g) Who first noticed the dark streaks on the surface of Mars? .....
- h) What is the nick-name given to the planet Mars? .....
- i) Who is the MRO project scientist at NASA? .....
- j) What name have scientists given the darkish streaks on Mars. ....

**B In Your Own Words**

1 Michael Meyer is the lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program. Why is he so excited about the discovery of water on Mars.

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2 Water on Earth becomes ice at -0° celsius. How come water on Mars can flow at temperatures warmer than -23° C?

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3 What is an important quality of perchlorates for future manned missions to Mars?

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**C Navigating the Site**

1a) List the categories of news stories available on this site. ....

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b) What three platforms, other than a computer, can this BBC News now be delivered on?

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# 120 Selecting a Topic



## Research Skills

If you are doing some research and you get the opportunity to **choose your topic**, it is important you select something that really interests you so that your efforts can be maintained over a number of weeks. Your topic should be one that excites you enough to find out more than you already know, and your study questions should require you to expand any personal knowledge you already have on the topic.

### A What Interests Me?

1 Fill in the following chart with possible topics to research.

famous people	famous events
inventions	living things
cultures	others

### B What Will I Research?

1 List ten topics you would find interesting to research and present as a project.

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### C Making My Choice

1 Narrow down the list in **B** to the one topic that would be interesting to research in-depth.

a) I would like to research and base a project on :

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b) Write one or two sentences explaining why you have chosen this research project.

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