

Prepositions

I. Präpositionen des Ortes und der Richtung

above	the bookshelf	über/oberhalb (nicht unbedingt direkt darüber)
across	the street	über die Straße; von einer Seite auf die andere
after	run after the boy	dem Jungen nach
against	the wall	gegen/dagegen
along	the wall	die Wand entlang
among	the boys	zwischen/unter mehreren
at	the door, at the club, at the baker's	an der Türe, im Klub, beim Bäcker
below	the book-shelf	unterhalb
beside	I sit beside Joe.	neben
between	He is between John and Ann	zwischen
by	He is standing by the door	nahe bei
down	He jumped down.	herunter/hinunter
from	Paris to London	von einem Ort zum andern
in	the classroom	in/im; Ortsangabe (Frage: wo?)
into	the classroom	in das Klassenzimmer hinein; Richtungsangabe (Frage: wohin?)
in front of	the blackboard	vor der Tafel
inside	the house	im/innerhalb
near	the door	nahe bei/in der Nähe von
off	He fell off (from) the horse.	vom/von herunter
on	Switch off It's on the desk.	ausschalten, abdrehen auf
out of	the house	aus.. hinaus/heraus
outside	the house	außerhalb
over	He jumped over the bed.	über/darüber hinweg
round	the chair	um.. herum
through	the door	durch/hindurch
to	go to the door!	zu/zur (bei allen Arten von Richtungsangaben)
towards	He came towards me	auf mich zu
under	the table	unter
up	the tree	hinauf

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2. Präpositionen für Zeitangaben:

at	8 o'clock, at noon	
at	Christmas, at night	Zeitpunkt
in	1995, in spring	
in	May, in the morning	Zeitdauer, (Jahre, Jahreszeiten, Monate...)
on	Friday, on June 2 nd	
on	the following day	bei Tagen
ago	two years ago.	vor zwei Jahren ("ago" wird immer nachgestellt!)
since	two o'clock	
since	Monday/ since 1984	seit (von einem Zeitpunkt aus)
for	for 2 hours.	
	for three weeks	
	for one year	seit (Angabe der Zeitdauer), z.B. 2 Stunden <u>lang</u>
before	lunch/after lunch	vor/nach (zeitlich)
by	We must be back by 12 o'clock.	bis (spätestens)
from ... to	from 8 to (until) 12	von.. bis
during	the test!	während

Weitere Präpositionen:

What are you talking about ?	worüber (Thema)
Tell me about your holidays!	über
He is in bed because of fever.	wegen
Let's go by taxi.	mit (+ Verkehrsmittel)
(aber: on foot!)	
in spite of the bad weather..	trotz
He looks like his father.	wie (vergleichbar)
I am talking to you as friend.	als (in der Eigenschaft als)

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Be careful!

He lives with his aunt.	bei/ständig bei
We stayed at my uncle's (house)	bei (Betonung des Ortes)
There is a lake near the town.	nahe bei; in der Nähe von
They are camping by the river.	am (sehr nahe)
There is a bridge across the river.	über (von einer Seite zur anderen)
He jumped over the fence.	über. . hinweg (Richtung)
The lamp is over the desk.	über (Ortsangabe!)
We flew above the clouds.	über/oberhalb (nicht unbedingt direkt darüber)

Examples

Fill in the correct Prepositions

1. I go _____ school everyday.
2. My sister stays _____ home.
3. Cats like to sit _____ the roof.
4. Get _____ the tram here, and get out _____ the third stop.
5. There are many bridges _____ the Thames.
6. The train left _____ Paris.
7. The teacher sits _____ a desk _____ the classroom.
8. _____ him is a blackboard.
9. He walked _____ the door, but fell _____ a chair _____ the way _____ the room.
10. We walked _____ the hill _____ the wood.
11. I looked _____ the window.
12. Go _____ this street, turn right. the Post Office, and then take the second turning _____ the left.
13. Is it far _____ here _____ the station?

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Mixed Exercises

1. The train arrived _____ 6 p.m.
2. Meet me _____ noon _____ Thursday.
3. I haven't seen you _____ a week.
4. I have been away _____ Saturday.
5. What are you laughing _____ ?
6. He is going for a trip _____ the world _____ July.
7. Hamlet was written _____ Shakespeare.
8. What are you talking _____ ?
9. Will you be _____ home _____ 6 and 7 o'clock tonight?
10. She fell _____ the ladder.
11. The children throw their ball _____ the window.
12. Switzerland lies _____ France, Germany and Italy.
13. He lives _____ his parents not far _____ here.
14. Don't be angry _____ me.
15. Who does that watch belong _____ ?
16. Britain was invaded _____ William the Conqueror _____ 1066.
17. I love to sit _____ the trees _____ the shade.
18. Wait _____ me _____ the bus-stop.
19. He hasn't been here _____ Monday.
20. Our cat was bitten _____ a dog.
21. Put your books _____ the table.
22. We went _____ the seaside _____ car.
23. Many planes fly _____ the Atlantic.
24. They were standing _____ the police-station.
25. Don't look _____ me like that.
26. Be careful! Don't fall _____ the bike!
27. What can you do _____ fever?
28. The dogs fought _____ one another.
29. Keep _____ the grass.
30. John was walking _____ his friend, when he suddenly ran away.
31. The plane is _____ our heads.