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# Common Preposition Mistakes

Worksheet

143 sentences · 9 sets

**Instructions:** Each sentence contains a preposition error (underlined).  
Write the correct preposition. For sentences where the preposition  
should be removed entirely, write “—”.

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## Dependent Prepositions (Verbs)

1. She depends of her parents for financial support.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

2. He insisted in paying for dinner.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

3. She complained for the cold weather.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

4. We need to focus in the main problem.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

5. He apologised about the misunderstanding.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

6. We arrived to the hotel after midnight.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

7. They prevented him to leave the building.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

8. She suffers of chronic back pain.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

9. She succeeded to convince the committee.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

10. He congratulated me for getting the job.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

11. I don't agree on your view.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

12. She applied to a scholarship.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Don't laugh on him.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

14. He dreamed with becoming a pilot.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

15. She participated at the conference.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

16. He listened the podcast on the way to work.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

17. We waited the bus for twenty minutes.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Can you explain me this grammar rule?

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

19. I provided them all the information.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

20. She accused him for cheating.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

21. I concentrate at my studies better in the morning.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

22. She objected for the proposal.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

23. He referred on the previous case.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dependent Prepositions (Adjectives)

24. She's very good in cooking.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

25. He's really interested for photography.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

26. I'm not used of the cold weather.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

27. She's married with an architect.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

28. He's afraid from flying.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

29. I'm responsible of the marketing team.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

30. She's keen of learning new languages.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

31. He's capable to run the project alone.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

32. She's addicted of social media.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

33. She's satisfied from the results.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

34. He's jealous from his brother's success.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

35. I'm bored from this exercise.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

36. She's proud for her children.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

37. He's angry on his neighbour.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

38. I'm excited for the trip.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

39. She's familiar to the procedure.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

40. He's different to his brother.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

41. I'm disappointed from the service.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

42. She's anxious for the exam.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

43. He's conscious for the risks involved.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

44. She's suspicious on his motives.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

45. I'm fed up from waiting.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

46. He's guilty for the crime.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

### In vs On vs At (Time)

47. I'll see you in Monday.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

48. She was born on 1995.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

49. The meeting is in 3 o'clock.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

50. We went skiing at Christmas Day.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

51. I'll finish it on the evening.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

52. The shop closes in midnight.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

53. He's been living here from five years.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

54. I haven't seen her from last Tuesday.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

55. We're getting married in 14th June.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

56. The course starts on January.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

57. She always exercises at the morning.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

58. The exam is in next Friday.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

59. He called me in yesterday.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

60. We'll go at the weekend.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

### In vs On vs At (Place)

61. He arrived in the station ten minutes late.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

62. She lives in 42 Oak Street.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

63. There's someone in the door.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

64. He left his keys at the car.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

65. I saw her in the bus stop.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

66. The picture is in the wall.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

67. There's a stain at your shirt.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

68. She works in the second floor.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

69. He's waiting on the airport.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

70. She sat on the corner of the room.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

71. I met him at the street.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

72. The children are playing at the garden.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confusing Prepositional Phrases

73. He did it by purpose.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

74. I learned the poem with heart.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

75. The building is in fire!

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

76. She went there by foot.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

77. I met her on accident.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

78. The product is in sale this week.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

79. I'm at a hurry.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

80. He did it on mistake.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

81. She's out from work at the moment.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

82. The lift is out from order.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

83. He's at charge of the department.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

84. She's on danger.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

85. Everything is on control.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

86. He's in duty tonight.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

87. They're in strike.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Transport, Movement & Direction

88. She goes to work with bus.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

89. He got in the bus at the next stop.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

90. We arrived to Paris late at night.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

91. She got out from the car quickly.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

92. He threw the ball on me.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

93. We drove to the motorway for two hours.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

94. She walked until the end of the street.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

95. The cat jumped at the table.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

96. He fell from his bicycle.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

97. She's going in holiday next week.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

98. We arrived to home late.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

99. He entered into the room.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Unnecessary & Missing Prepositions

100. We need to discuss about the new policy.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

101. She mentioned about the deadline.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

102. Despite of the bad weather, we went hiking.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

103. He emphasised on the need for punctuality.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

104. She reached to the summit by noon.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

105. She married with him last summer.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

106. He suggested me to apply for the job.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

107. She asked to him a question.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

108. I'll call you at tomorrow morning.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

109. Please reply my email as soon as possible.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

110. She described me what happened.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

111. He requested for more time.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

112. We demanded for an explanation.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mixed Errors — Advanced

113. She complained the teacher about the noise.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

114. He prevented that it happened again.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

115. I look forward for meeting you.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

116. She's accustomed with the noise by now.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

117. He consists from three main points.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

118. The new rule applies on all employees.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

119. She contributed for the team's success.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

120. It resulted with a major improvement.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

121. The two approaches are similar with each other.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

122. She devoted her life in teaching.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

123. The report refers about recent trends.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

124. Everyone knew he was lacking of effort.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

125. She prohibited them to use their phones.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

126. I need to cope up with the pressure.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Confusing Pairs

127. There were problems in the end of the course.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

128. The project was hard, but at the end we finished on time.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

129. I was on time for the meeting — it hadn't started yet.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

130. The train arrived exactly in time — not a minute late.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

131. There was a car on the way, so we couldn't get past.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

132. We stopped for coffee in the way to the airport.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

133. There was heavy traffic at the beginning.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

134. Please write your name in the beginning of the document.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

135. He saw it in the news last night.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

136. She read about it on the newspaper.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

137. He's in the phone — can you call back later?

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

138. The shop is at the corner of the street.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

139. She was standing on the corner of the room.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

140. The table is made of recycled plastic bottles.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

141. The desk is made from solid oak — you can see the grain.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

142. She stood at front of the mirror.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

143. He sat in the front of the classroom, near the board.

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Key

## Dependent Prepositions (Verbs)

1. **on** — *depend ON*
2. **on** — *insist ON*
3. **about** — *complain ABOUT*
4. **on** — *focus ON*
5. **for** — *apologise FOR*
6. **at** — *arrive AT a specific place*
7. **from** — *prevent someone FROM doing something*
8. **from** — *suffer FROM*
9. **in** — *succeed IN doing something*
10. **on** — *congratulate someone ON*
11. **with** — *agree WITH someone — agree ON a topic/plan*
12. **for** — *apply FOR something — apply TO an organisation*
13. **at** — *laugh AT*
14. **of** — *dream OF/ABOUT*
15. **in** — *participate IN*
16. **listened to** — *listen TO something*
17. **waited for the bus** — *wait FOR something*
18. **explain to me** — *explain something TO someone*
19. **provided them with** — *provide someone WITH something*
20. **of** — *accuse someone OF*
21. **on** — *concentrate ON*
22. **to** — *object TO*
23. **to** — *refer TO*

## Dependent Prepositions (Adjectives)

24. **at** — *good AT*
25. **in** — *interested IN*
26. **to** — *used TO*
27. **to** — *married TO*
28. **of** — *afraid OF*
29. **for** — *responsible FOR*
30. **on** — *keen ON*
31. **of** — *capable OF*
32. **to** — *addicted TO*
33. **with** — *satisfied WITH*
34. **of** — *jealous OF*
35. **with** — *bored WITH/OF*
36. **of** — *proud OF*
37. **with** — *angry WITH a person — angry ABOUT a situation*
38. **about** — *excited ABOUT*
39. **with** — *familiar WITH something — familiar TO someone (= known by)*
40. **from** — *different FROM*
41. **with** — *disappointed WITH/IN*

- 42. **about** — *anxious ABOUT*
- 43. **of** — *conscious OF*
- 44. **of** — *suspicious OF*
- 45. **with** — *fed up WITH*
- 46. **of** — *guilty OF*

### In vs On vs At (Time)

- 47. **on** — *ON + days of the week*
- 48. **in** — *IN + years*
- 49. **at** — *AT + specific times*
- 50. **on** — *ON + specific days — AT Christmas (the period)*
- 51. **in** — *IN the morning/afternoon/evening*
- 52. **at** — *AT midnight/noon/night*
- 53. **for** — *FOR + a period of time*
- 54. **since** — *SINCE + a point in time*
- 55. **on** — *ON + specific dates*
- 56. **in** — *IN + months*
- 57. **in** — *IN the morning*
- 58. Remove "in" — *next Friday (no preposition) — remove 'in'*
- 59. Remove "in" — *yesterday (no preposition) — remove 'in'*
- 60. **on/at** — *ON the weekend (AmE) or AT the weekend (BrE) — both accepted, but not IN*

### In vs On vs At (Place)

- 61. **at** — *arrive AT a specific place — IN for cities/countries*
- 62. **at** — *AT + specific addresses*
- 63. **at** — *AT the door (a point)*
- 64. **in** — *IN the car (inside a vehicle)*
- 65. **at** — *AT the bus stop (a point)*
- 66. **on** — *ON the wall (a surface) — IN the wall = inside it*
- 67. **on** — *ON + surfaces and clothing*
- 68. **on** — *ON + floors of a building*
- 69. **at** — *AT the airport (a location/point)*
- 70. **in** — *IN the corner (enclosed space) — ON the corner (of a street)*
- 71. **in/on** — *IN the street (BrE) / ON the street (AmE)*
- 72. **in** — *IN the garden (an area)*

### Confusing Prepositional Phrases

- 73. **on** — *ON purpose — but BY accident/mistake*
- 74. **by** — *BY heart*
- 75. **on** — *ON fire*
- 76. **on** — *ON foot — but BY car/bus/train*
- 77. **by** — *BY accident — but ON purpose*
- 78. **on** — *ON sale*
- 79. **in** — *IN a hurry*
- 80. **by** — *BY mistake — but ON purpose*
- 81. **out of** — *OUT OF work*
- 82. **out of** — *OUT OF order*
- 83. **in** — *IN charge of*
- 84. **in** — *IN danger*
- 85. **under** — *UNDER control — but IN control of*

86. **on** — *ON duty* — *but OFF duty*

87. **on** — *ON strike*

### Transport, Movement & Direction

88. **by** — *BY bus/car/train/plane*

89. **on** — *get ON a bus/train/plane* — *get IN a car/taxi*

90. **in** — *arrive IN a city/country*

91. **of** — *get out OF a car*

92. **to** — *throw TO someone (passing)* — *throw AT someone (aggressive)*

93. **on** — *ON the motorway/road*

94. **to** — *walk TO (place)* — *UNTIL is for time*

95. **on/onto** — *jump ON/ONTO (landing on surface)* — *jump AT (attacking)*

96. **off** — *fall OFF something you're on/riding*

97. **on** — *ON holiday* — *but IN the holidays*

98. Remove "to" — *arrive home (no preposition)* — *remove 'to'*

99. Remove "into" — *enter a place (no preposition)* — *remove 'into'*

### Unnecessary & Missing Prepositions

100. Remove "about" — *discuss something (no preposition)* — *remove 'about'*

101. Remove "about" — *mention something (no preposition)* — *remove 'about'*

102. Remove "of" — *despite something (no 'of')* — *but IN SPITE OF*

103. Remove "on" — *emphasise something (no preposition)* — *but put emphasis ON*

104. Remove "to" — *reach something (no preposition)* — *remove 'to'*

105. Remove "with" — *marry someone (no preposition)* — *remove 'with'*

106. **suggested that I** — *suggest THAT someone do something (not suggest someone to)*

107. Remove "to" — *ask someone a question (no preposition)* — *remove 'to'*

108. Remove "at" — *tomorrow morning (no preposition)* — *remove 'at'*

109. **reply to** — *reply TO something*

110. **described to** — *describe TO someone*

111. Remove "for" — *request something (no preposition)* — *remove 'for'*

112. Remove "for" — *demand something (no preposition)* — *remove 'for'*

### Mixed Errors — Advanced

113. **complained to the teacher about** — *complain TO someone ABOUT something*

114. **prevented it from** — *prevent something FROM happening*

115. **to** — *look forward TO (+ -ing)*

116. **to** — *accustomed TO*

117. **of** — *consist OF*

118. **to** — *apply TO*

119. **to** — *contribute TO*

120. **in** — *result IN*

121. **similar to** — *similar TO* — *compare WITH is correct*

122. **to** — *devote something TO*

123. **to** — *refer TO*

124. **lacking in** — *lacking IN* — *blame ON is correct*

125. **from** — *prohibit someone FROM doing something*

126. **with** — *cope WITH (not cope up with)*

### Confusing Pairs

127. **At the end** — *AT the end OF something (a specific point)* — *IN the end = finally/eventually*

- 128. in the end** — *IN the end = finally/eventually* — *AT the end OF = the final part of something*
- 129. in** — *IN time = early enough, before it's too late* — *ON time = punctually, at the exact scheduled time*
- 130. on** — *ON time = punctually* — *IN time = with time to spare*
- 131. in the way** — *IN the way = blocking/obstructing* — *ON the way = during the journey*
- 132. on the way** — *ON the way = during the journey* — *IN the way = blocking*
- 133. in the beginning** — *IN the beginning = at first (general, like 'in the end')* — *AT the beginning OF = the start of something specific*
- 134. at the beginning** — *AT the beginning OF something specific* — *IN the beginning = initially, at first*
- 135. on** — *ON the news/TV/radio/internet* — *IN the newspaper/a magazine/a book*
- 136. in** — *IN the newspaper* — *ON the news/internet*
- 137. on** — *ON the phone (talking)* — *not IN*
- 138. on** — *ON the corner (of a street, outside)* — *IN the corner (of a room, inside)*
- 139. in** — *IN the corner (of a room, inside)* — *ON the corner (of a street, outside)*
- 140. from** — *made FROM (material is transformed/unrecognisable)* — *made OF (material is still visible, e.g. made of wood)*
- 141. of** — *made OF (material is visible/recognisable)* — *made FROM (material is transformed)*
- 142. in** — *IN front OF (= facing/opposite)* — *AT the front OF (= the front section of something)*
- 143. at** — *AT the front/back OF (= the front/back section)* — *IN front OF (= facing, opposite)*