

ENGLISH GRAMMAR: PREPOSITIONS

Comprehensive Study Notes & Practice Questions

1. OVERVIEW OF PREPOSITIONS

A **Preposition** is a word placed before a noun or pronoun to show its relation to another word in the sentence.

Types:

- **TIME** → when something happens (at, on, in)
- **PLACE/POSITION** → where something is (in, on, under, above)
- **DIRECTION/MOVEMENT** → where something moves (to, into, onto)

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2. PREPOSITION MASTER STRUCTURE MATRIX

TYPE	RULES	EXAMPLES
TIME RULES	At → specific time On → days/dates In → months/years	at 9 AM on Monday in 1947
PLACE RULES	At → exact point In → enclosed spaces/cities	at the desk in Delhi
MOVEMENT	Into → movement inside Onto → movement to surface	into the room onto the table
DISTRIBUTION	Between → two Among → three or more	between us among students

3. IMPORTANT SHORTCUTS & FIXED PREPOSITION TRICKS

TRICK 1: Despite vs In Spite Of

- Despite never takes "of".
- In spite must always be followed by "of".

TRICK 2: "-ior" Comparison Rule

- Senior, Junior, Superior, Inferior, Prior always take "to".
- Example: He is senior to me.

TRICK 3: Transitive Verbs

- Investigate, Discuss, Enter, Emphasize etc. directly take an object.
- Example: The police investigated the case.

Senior vs
to junior

4. MCQs CUM REVISION

- The meeting has been postponed next Tuesday. **Answer:** to
- He has been suffering from fever Monday last. **Answer:** since
- The teacher distributed the sweets all the students. **Answer:** among
- She is proficient speaking English. **Answer:** in
- Do not translate this text word word. **Answer:** for

of
vi. Beware pickpockets. **Answer:** ~~of~~

vii. The cat jumped the kitchen counter. **Answer:** onto

viii. I agree your proposal, but I cannot agree you. **Answer:** to, with
with

5. SPOT THE ERROR

i. ~~coped up with~~ → **coped with**

ii. ~~Despite of~~ → **Despite**

iii. ~~investigated into~~ the matter → **investigated the matter**

iv. ~~senior than~~ me → **senior to me**

v. ~~emphasized on~~ → **emphasized**

vi. ~~entered into~~ the classroom → **entered the classroom**

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