

GRAMMAR

PREPOSITIONS (1)

This exercise can be done orally or on paper.

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate preposition.

1. _____ the way, did you know that the computer you have bought is already _____ date?
2. I am satisfied with your work _____ the whole, but I can see parts where it needs to be improved.
3. I'm sorry that I cannot help you, but I am _____ a hurry and have no time to check your work.
4. Natalie thinks that this pasta sauce is _____ this world. I, _____ the other hand, do not think it is so delicious.
5. Yvonne had to complete the essay _____ short notice, as she was not aware it was part of the application.

PREPOSITIONS (2)

This exercise can be done orally or on paper.

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate preposition

1. The two countries are _____ war because of a disagreement over their borders.

2. The employees are talking about going _____ strike. _____ theory the strike will begin next month, but it may be delayed for negotiations.

3. Eugene says that he is leaving the company _____ good, as he is tired of the ceaseless arguing and everyone's childish behaviour.

4. _____ times I feel melancholic when I listen to 'Blues' music, but I do love this type of music a lot.

5. We are going _____ holiday next week. We are travelling to Rome _____ train, where we will hire a car and drive to Venice.

PREPOSITIONS (3)

This exercise can be done orally or on paper.

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate preposition

1. What is my view _____ the problem? Well, I think that _____ the long run the government officials are making a serious mistake.
2. Did you hit your sister _____ purpose as she says you did?
3. There has been an increase _____ the number of robberies committed in London, so the police are giving the problem extra attention.
4. Why does the phone always ring _____ suppertime?
5. As part of her work in the laboratory, Olivia is conducting research _____ the AIDS virus.
6. I am going to perform a one-act play _____ the public next Saturday night, and I hope that you will all be able to come.
7. The difference _____ the two cakes is that this one is made with sugar and the other with saccharin.

PREPOSITIONS (4)

Answer the following questions.

- What is the most expensive thing you have ever had to pay for?

- Are you in favour of, or against, shorter working weeks?

- Do you consider yourself to be in / out of condition?

- Name one person whom you have not seen for a long time. Why haven't you seen that person?

PREPOSITIONS (5)

Answer the following questions.

- What has increased in price over the past few years?

- Do you normally communicate with people by e-mail or over the telephone?

- Name one thing that is never on time.

- Name one thing that you think is out of this world.

QUESTIONS (1)

Listen to, or read (according to how the teacher does the exercise), the following answers and then construct the questions that were asked – if the teacher indicates a certain form, use that form to create the question.

1. “I lived in London for 8 years – it was absolutely wonderful living there.”

Question: _____?

2. “Yes, I do have several pounds you can borrow.”

Question: _____?

3. “I am looking for an emerald green silk scarf.”

Question (with preposition): _____?

4. “Yuri Gagarin was the first person in space.”

Question: _____?

5. “I would prefer to listen to jazz, but I also enjoy listening to classical music so the choice is yours.”

Question: _____?

QUESTIONS (2)

Listen to, or read (according to how the teacher does the exercise), the following answers and then construct the questions that were asked – if the teacher indicates a certain form, use that form to create the question.

1. “Yes, I did see the film on television last night.”

Question (tag): _____?

2. “It’s a large school building. There are over 80 classrooms for 2,000 students, three science laboratories, a cafeteria, an auditorium for special events and a practice room for musicians in the basement.”

Question: _____?

3. “I was dreaming about a large lake at the bottom of which was a Spanish galleon.”

Question (with preposition): _____?

4. “Yes, I have wished Richard a happy birthday.”

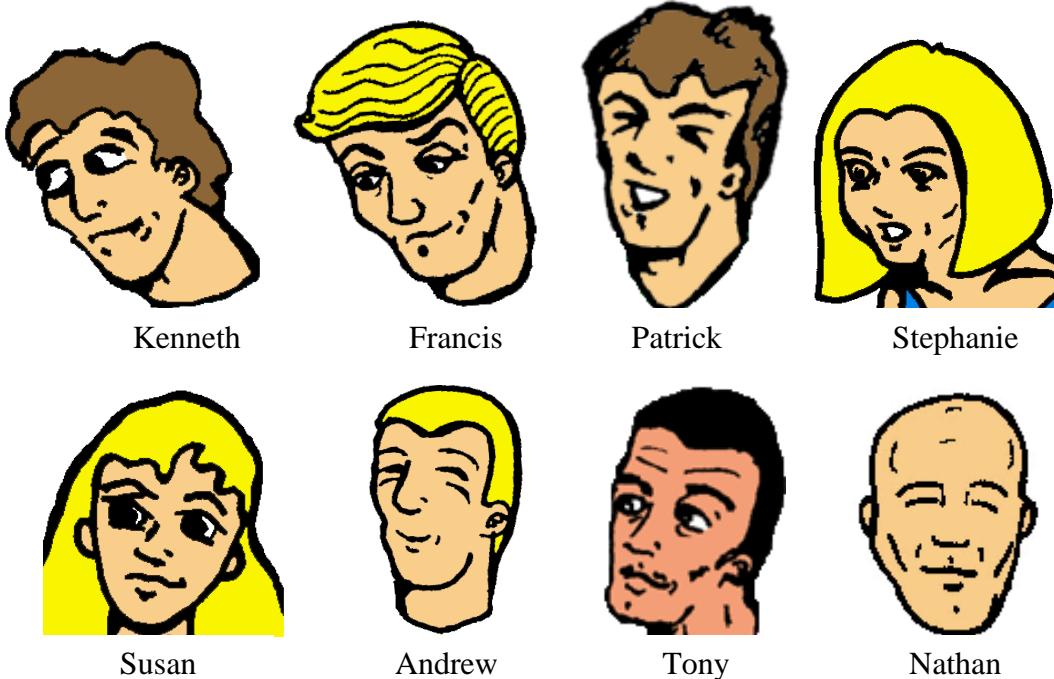
Question (tag): _____?

5. “No, I haven’t any idea what happened at the meeting yesterday.”

Question: _____?

QUESTIONS (3)

Ask questions about the dinner guests based on the pictures and the comments below.



- Kenneth was talking about his new dog, a Labrador, the entire evening.
- Kenneth's voice is very deep. He should sing in a choir because his voice is very beautiful and commands attention.

- Francis tripped over the host's shoes and fell down the stairs.
- **(Form tag question)** Yes, he is very clumsy.

- It was Patrick's fault that the turkey was burnt.
- **(Form tag question)** Yes, he did feel awful and apologised to everyone.

- Stephanie lives in a two-storey house in Gerrick Avenue.
- No, Stephanie didn't mention that she had a new boyfriend.

- **(Form tag question)** Yes, Susan can sing marvellously.
- Susan has green eyes, a small nose, a large mouth and lovely eyebrows.

- Andrew is very tall. He has an infectious smile that makes his dimples show. His blond hair is cut very short.
- Andrew thought that Susan was more attractive than Stephanie.

- Yes, Tony has a very expensive sports car. I think it's a Porsche.
- Not at all, I honestly think that Tony is a vain, foolish person.

- It was Nathan's suggestion that all the guests meet again the following week to have a coffee.
- **(Form tag question)** No, Nathan doesn't know that his wife is pregnant.