



Prepositions

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Prepositions show us the **location**, **state**, **direction** or **duration** of something.



Roberta

Train tickets can be bought **at** ticketing booths near the entrance **of** the railway station.

There must have been a change in **schedule**, some people have been waiting for the arrival of the train from Nemo's World **since** 7.00 am.

They will wait **till** it arrives as there is only one train to Nemo's World.

Our young and eager passengers are waiting **in front of** the newsstand **for** Roberta. There are two other strange looking passengers standing **beside** them.

The train **for** Fantaland leaves **by** Exit C and will travel **towards** the south.

Exercise A

Wiz is furiously writing in his diary. Fill in the blanks with prepositions to find out what he is writing.

I am always looking (1)_____ adventure.

Whenever I go on a holiday, Booz likes to come (2)_____ with me. I am smart and he needs me to keep him (3)_____ trouble. He can be irksome and quarrelsome at times but I have learnt to tolerate his queer ways, (4)_____ all he is my buddy.

Ever so often we play 'taking imaginary holidays'.

Once, we imagined we had a holiday (5)_____ the sea. We spent our time searching the beach (6)_____ bottles that the tide had brought in. We had hopes (7)_____ finding an SOS message (8)_____ some poor shipwrecked sailor.

We've taken a real holiday (9)_____ the beach (10)_____ Swirling Sea. We had found several bottles but never one (11)_____ a message (12)_____ it. We never got the chance to rescue a sailor (13)_____ distress!



Prepositions are really friendly words. They **readily combine with other words** to give more meaning to your sentence.

The city is made **of** glass.

The cave is full **of** colourful lights.

Booz is **in** a bad mood.

The children have waited **for** this holiday with great impatience.

Prepositions also combine with verbs to form **phrasal verbs** which give a new meaning to your sentence. (Adverbs also combine with verbs to form phrasal verbs.)

The children are eagerly waiting to **set out** on this once - in - a - lifetime journey.

All the **passengers look up** to Roberta; she is a very sensible and reliable person.

Wiz has known Booz for a long time, that is why he can **put up** with Booz's queer behaviour.

After a while, Kiko could **settle** in quite well, forming a close friendship with all the children.



Exercise B

Fill in each blank with a preposition in the conversation below.



Ernesto

Wow, what a lovely train! I can't believe I'm

(1)_____ it.



Jojo

Look at the huge computers (2)_____ the front compartment. They are the ones which control the

movements (3)_____ the train.

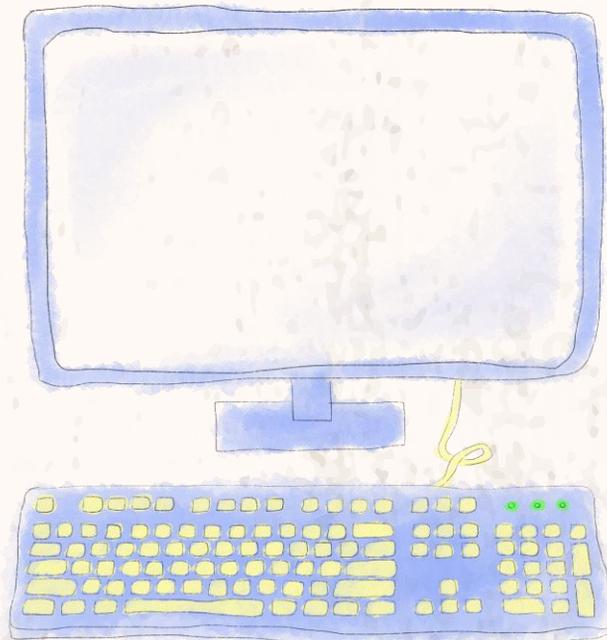


Roberta

Watch it! Nobody touches any button or switch

(4)_____ the control panel. Be careful Booz, you

can't just dash (5)_____ the panel!





Sabrina

The mild pink (6)_____ this train is cosy, a good contrast to the bright pink outside. These seats are really comfy. You could really sink (7)_____ them. Look (8)_____ those windows. I have never seen such material before. They convert any in- coming light (9)_____ a spectrum of rainbow colours. It is as if we are already (10)_____ Fantaland.



Wiz

I think the material is a special kind (11)_____ Perspex. I'm not 100% sure. I'll run a check (12)_____ it later.



Roberta

So, Wiz and Booz, this train has all the requirements both of you need, including special toilets (13)_____ cabin C. But be extremely careful when you move (14)_____ the train. Don't trip (15)_____ any wires. You'll short-circuit the system.

And Ernesto, you don't have to worry (16)_____ anything. This train is perfectly safe!

