

# Chapter 2

## Grammar: Prepositions

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### 2.1 Multiple Choice Questions

Each of the following sentences contains at least one preposition. Choose the letter of the answer that gives the correct preposition(s).

(Adapted from DeVito, Joseph A. *Essentials of Human Communication*. New York: Longman, 1999. 126.)

1) In the 15th and 16th centuries in Italy, women put belladonna (which literally means "beautiful woman"), a botanical extract, in their eyes to dilate their pupils so they would look more attractive.

- A) In, which, to
- B) In, in, in, to
- C) In, in, in

Answer: C

2) Contemporary research supports the logic of these women; dilated pupils are seen as more attractive, a finding that advertisers are quick to use.

- A) of, as
- B) of, as, that
- C) of, as, to

Answer: A

3) Your pupils enlarge when something is interesting to you or when something is emotionally arousing to you.

- A) when, to, to
- B) to, or, to
- C) to, to

Answer: C

4) Conversely, your pupils constrict during times when you are viewing something that does not interest you or does not arouse you emotionally.

- A) during
- B) or
- C) not

Answer: A

5) In every culture, there are rather strict rules for the proper duration for eye contact.

- A) In, for
- B) In, there, for
- C) In, for, for

Answer: C

6) In one study conducted in England, the average length of gaze is 2.95 seconds.

- A) In, in, of
- B) In, in
- C) In, of

Answer: A

7) The average length of gaze, meaning when two persons gaze at each other, is 1.18 seconds.

- A) of, when
- B) the, at
- C) of, at

Answer: C

8) When eye contact falls short of this length of time, members of some cultures may think certain things about a person that may or may not be true.

- A) of, of, of
- B) of, of, of, about
- C) of, of, or

Answer: B

9) For example, people may be left with the impression that the person could be uninterested, shy, or preoccupied.

- A) with, that
- B) For, with
- C) For, with, or

Answer: B

10) When a person makes eye contact for longer than the appropriate time, people from some cultures might think that the person is showing unusually high interest or hostility.

- A) for, from
- B) for, than
- C) for, what

Answer: A

*Fill in the missing prepositions.*

11) The school is located \_\_\_\_\_ Maple Street.

- A) in
- B) on

Answer: B

12) I talked \_\_\_\_\_ the newest computers.

- A) about
- B) of

Answer: A

*Choose the letter that indicates the correct preposition in each sentence.*

13) He lives \_\_\_\_\_ 2345 West 98th Street.

- A) at
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: A

14) He should be home \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.

- A) at
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: C

15) We usually take a vacation \_\_\_\_\_ summer.

- A) at
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: C

16) There are many couples who live \_\_\_\_\_ Miami.

- A) at
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: C

17) I have an appointment with my dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

- A) at
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: B

18) When did Ralph get \_\_\_\_\_ the bus?

- A) off
- B) out of
- C) from

Answer: A

19) I will meet you \_\_\_\_\_ the corner of Trent Avenue and 34th Street.

- A) at
- B) from
- C) in

Answer: A

20) He has a knife \_\_\_\_\_ his hand!

- A) with
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: C

21) It rained \_\_\_\_\_ the night.

- A) during
- B) on
- C) at

Answer: A

22) Harris went to his office \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting.

- A) about
- B) because
- C) for

Answer: C

- 23) Can you be ready \_\_\_\_\_ eight o'clock?  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: A
- 24) We should be home \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock—not any later.  
A) during  
B) on  
C) by  
Answer: C
- 25) The barbershop is \_\_\_\_\_ Maple Street.  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: B
- 26) There are at least ten thousand lakes \_\_\_\_\_ Minnesota.  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: C
- 27) Let's have lunch together \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday.  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: B
- 28) He got \_\_\_\_\_ the bus a few minutes ago.  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: B
- 29) Go outside, and I will meet you \_\_\_\_\_ the corner later.  
A) from  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: B
- 30) The baby is old enough to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ a bed.  
A) at  
B) on  
C) in  
Answer: C

31) The students completed their examinations \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the hour.

- A) by
- B) on
- C) in

Answer: A

32) Go \_\_\_\_\_ the river and turn left two blocks before you reach it. The post office is on that street.

- A) to
- B) in
- C) toward

Answer: C

## 2.2 Short Answer Questions

*Find the prepositional phrases in each sentence and write them in the space provided.*

1) My cat with the blue eyes is mischievous.

Answer: with the blue eyes

2) She lies under the dining room table waiting to pounce.

Answer: under the dining room table

3) One day I noticed that she was staring at a lizard on the patio.

Answer: at a lizard; on the patio

4) For one full hour she sat in the same position watching the lizard.

Answer: for one full hour; in the same position

5) Every day at three o'clock she watched the lizard.

Answer: at three o'clock

6) She pressed her nose against the window, but, of course, she could not capture the lizard.

Answer: against the window

7) Somehow, the lizard squeezed its way into the house.

Answer: into the house

8) As the owner of the cat, I feared what was going to happen.

Answer: as the owner; of the cat

9) I tried to catch the lizard as he scurried under the sofa.

Answer: under the sofa

10) Unfortunately, I was too late; the cat with sharp claws gleefully located the lizard.

Answer: with sharp claws

11) I lifted the skirt of the sofa to view the skirmish.

Answer: of the sofa

12) The tan lizard with brown stripes was nowhere to be seen, but the cat was smiling.

Answer: with brown stripes

*Correct the preposition use in the following sentences. Some sentences may be correct.*

13) He is flying to Los Angeles with a plane.

Answer: He is flying to Los Angeles on a plane.

14) The Smiths raised their children on a farm.

Answer: Correct.

15) Between classes, I met Gary on the corridor.

Answer: Between classes, I met Gary in the corridor.

16) My chemistry professor even picks on me when I break a test tube on accident.

Answer: My chemistry professor even picks on me when I break a test tube by accident.

*Complete the following sentences.*

17) Joe thinks he's superior \_\_\_\_\_ the group.

Answer: to

18) Bob is devoted \_\_\_\_\_ his children.

Answer: to

19) Dick would rather part \_\_\_\_\_ his friends than part \_\_\_\_\_ his stereo.

Answer: with; with

20) Sam agrees \_\_\_\_\_ our contributing to the United Way.

Answer: with or to

21) The senior vice presidents finally agreed \_\_\_\_\_ a plan of action.

Answer: on

22) I was rewarded \_\_\_\_\_ my hard work \_\_\_\_\_ a scholarship to the art institute.

Answer: for; with

*Correct all expressions that are unidiomatic or trite. If any example is correct as stated, simply write correct.*

23) In *The Taming of the Shrew*, Katherine is angry at Petruchio for interjecting himself into her life.

Answer: angry with

24) My cat is capable to jump from the table to the chair in my family room.

Answer: capable of jumping

25) The baby had grown by leaps and bounds.

Answer: "By leaps and bounds" is trite.

26) Sally's friends are impatient of her conduct.

Answer: impatient with

27) The committee rewarded its retiring chairperson by a gift.

Answer: with a gift

28) I beg to differ from you.

Answer: differ with you

29) If I'm late, will you wait on me for a few minutes?

Answer: wait for me

*Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow using one or more prepositions in your answer.*

In the 1960s, the American schoolchildren learned that Christopher Columbus was a courageous European explorer who "discovered" America and after whom schools and cities were named. Five hundred years after Columbus' landing in the West Indies, however, many Americans have challenged the history book version of Columbus' conquest of the New World. Columbus didn't "discover" America, the critics maintain, because it had already been discovered and inhabited by Native Americans. Columbus' need for gold and glory resulted in his enslaving the Indians and permanently disrupting the cultures that the Indians had established.

30) Describe the critics' view of Columbus as a hero.

Answer: Answers will vary.

31) How did Columbus' presence in the New World change the lives of the Native Americans living there?

Answer: Answers will vary.

*Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.*

32) When ESL students are reading difficult texts, they are often dependent \_\_\_\_\_ their dictionaries to look up unknown words.

Answer: on/upon

33) Some instructors are opposed \_\_\_\_\_ this practice and they try to prevent these students \_\_\_\_\_ consulting their dictionaries.

Answer: to; from

34) These instructors believe that their students should be capable \_\_\_\_\_ determining the meaning of a word from the context of the sentence.

Answer: of

35) The students, however, are worried \_\_\_\_\_ making the wrong guess.

Answer: about

36) Even though they may be good \_\_\_\_\_ guessing the meaning from the context, they can't stop themselves \_\_\_\_\_ relying heavily \_\_\_\_\_ their dictionaries.

Answer: at; from; on

*Fill in the blanks with an appropriate prepositional phrase.*

37) Foreign students are not accustomed to eating lunch \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: in 15 minutes

38) My parents are often disappointed \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: in me

39) Most American students are not acquainted \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: with many foreign students

40) When I finish school, I plan to devote myself \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: to getting a job

- 41) Most students are opposed \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: to cuts in education funding
- 42) Living in this city is very expensive. I'm worried \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: about paying my bills
- 43) I had a terrible fight with my sister yesterday, so today I apologized \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: for what I said
- 44) Nothing in the world will prevent me \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: from being at your wedding
- 45) The students in this class are always complaining \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: about the work load
- 46) This weekend, I am looking forward \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: to getting out of the city

*Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.*

- 47) I was born \_\_\_\_\_ September 23, 1965.  
Answer: on
- 48) It was a stormy day \_\_\_\_\_ November.  
Answer: in
- 49) I walked \_\_\_\_\_ the store and bought a pair of socks.  
Answer: into
- 50) You can find the book \_\_\_\_\_ the drawer.  
Answer: in
- 51) I've been living \_\_\_\_\_ Long Island \_\_\_\_\_ New York for many years.  
Answer: on; in
- 52) I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday.  
Answer: at; on
- 53) I'm never very chipper \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.  
Answer: in
- 54) My brother lived \_\_\_\_\_ Montreal \_\_\_\_\_ 1965.  
Answer: in; in
- 55) The factory usually closed \_\_\_\_\_ August.  
Answer: in
- 56) I can't afford any of the merchandise in the stores \_\_\_\_\_ Rodeo Drive.  
Answer: on
- 57) The pepper is \_\_\_\_\_ the cupboard.  
Answer: in



58) My meeting is \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00.

Answer: at

*Choose the correct expression in parentheses.*

59) My grandmother's plane was late (because of/because) the fog.

Answer: because of

60) My grandmother's plane was late (because of/because) the fog was thick.

Answer: because

61) (Despite/Despite the fact that) her good intention, she sent the birthday card late.

Answer: Despite

62) (Despite/Despite the fact that) she meant well, she still forgot to send the card on time.

Answer: Despite the fact that

63) Jorge will never give up his job (despite/despite the fact that) it pays so little.

Answer: despite the fact that

64) Jane had to sell her house (because of/because) the increased taxes.

Answer: because of

*Choose the letter of the sentence that correctly combines verbs and prepositions. If both are correct, choose both letters.*

65) a. Many students think about doing volunteer work.

b. Many students think volunteer work into doing about.

Answer: a

66) a. They want to fill their experience out with volunteer work.

b. They want to fill out their experience with volunteer work.

Answer: both a and b

67) a. If they luckily come across volunteer work in their field, they take it.

b. If they come luckily across volunteer work in their field, they take it.

Answer: a

68) a. Volunteer work may help them make their minds up about their careers.

b. Volunteer work may help them make up their minds about their careers.

Answer: both a and b

69) a. At the same time, they are helping other people out.

b. At the same time, they are helping out other people.

Answer: both a and b

70) a. While they are caring of others, the volunteers are also acquiring skills.

b. While they are caring for others, the volunteers are also acquiring skills.

Answer: b

71) a. They may learn nursing skills by frequently taking care of elderly people in nursing homes.

b. They may learn nursing skills by taking care frequently of elderly people in nursing homes.

Answer: a

- 72) a. But students aren't always able to step on career-oriented volunteer work.  
 b. But students aren't always able to step into career-oriented volunteer work.

Answer: b

- 73) a. Sometimes they need to turn a volunteer job down.  
 b. Sometimes they need to turn down a volunteer job.

Answer: both a and b

Complete the following sentences by filling the blanks with the appropriate prepositions from this list:

at	by	for	from	in
of	on	to	with	

Example:

The most recent amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proposed by Congress in 1789 and ratified in 1992.

- 74) The Eighteenth Amendment \_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the United States was ratified \_\_\_\_\_ 1919.

Answer: The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified in 1919.

- 75) It prohibited the "manufacture, sale, or transportation \_\_\_\_\_ intoxicating liquors."

Answer: It prohibited the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors."

- 76) It was adopted \_\_\_\_\_ response \_\_\_\_\_ a nationwide crusade \_\_\_\_\_ temperance groups.

Answer: It was adopted in response to a nationwide crusade by temperance groups.

- 77) One \_\_\_\_\_ those groups was the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Answer: One of those groups was the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

- 78) The amendment was defined \_\_\_\_\_ Congress \_\_\_\_\_ the Volstead Act.

Answer: The amendment was defined by Congress in the Volstead Act.

- 79) The Act was vetoed \_\_\_\_\_ President Woodrow Wilson, but Congress passed it over his veto.

Answer: The Act was vetoed by President Woodrow Wilson, but Congress passed it over his veto.

- 80) The Amendment did not prevent Americans \_\_\_\_\_ drinking, and the sale \_\_\_\_\_ alcoholic beverages was taken over \_\_\_\_\_ organized crime.

Answer: The Amendment did not prevent Americans from drinking, and the sale of alcoholic beverages was taken over by organized crime.

- 81) \_\_\_\_\_ the demand \_\_\_\_\_ liquor there came wide-scale smuggling and bootlegging.

Answer: With the demand for liquor there came wide-scale smuggling and bootlegging.

- 82) \_\_\_\_\_ 1919 \_\_\_\_\_ 1933, when the Amendment was repealed, gangs such as that led \_\_\_\_\_ Al Capone \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago controlled the sale \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol.

Answer: From 1919 to 1933, when the Amendment was repealed, gangs such as that led by Al Capone in Chicago controlled the sale of alcohol.

83) The Twenty-first Amendment, passed \_\_\_\_\_ 1933, is the only amendment passed \_\_\_\_\_ the purpose \_\_\_\_\_ repealing an earlier amendment.

Answer: The Twenty-first Amendment, passed in 1933, is the only amendment passed for the purpose of repealing an earlier amendment.

84) Write two sentences using prepositions.

1.

2.

Answer: Answers will vary.

*Identify the prepositional phrases.*

85) I dash into the library to grab some books.

Phrase:

Answer: into the library

86) The smell of the kerosene fills the air.

Phrase:

Answer: of the kerosene

87) Rockets are vibrating and zooming high in the sky.

Phrase:

Answer: in the sky

88) The clouds in the sky are getting darker.

Phrase:

Answer: in the sky

89) Ducks are floating in the bright lake water and quacking very loudly.

Phrase:

Answer: in the bright lake water

90) Today's mothers do not let their children spend hours on Saturday mornings in front of the television.

Phrase:

Answer: of the television

*Underline all the prepositions in the following sentences. Put parentheses around the prepositional phrases.*

Example:

(At eighteen minutes) (after one o'clock), the emergency number received a call (from Mrs. Serena Washington).

91) From its station near city hall, the rescue truck drove to Briar Brook Avenue.

Answer: (From its station) (near city hall), the rescue truck drove (to Briar Brook Avenue).

92) Along the way it narrowly missed colliding with a bread truck that failed to pull to the side of the road.

Answer: (Along the way) it narrowly missed colliding (with a bread truck) that failed to pull (to the side) (of the road).

93) Despite the near accident, the rescue team arrived at the Washingtons' home in less than five minutes.

Answer: (Despite the near accident), the rescue team arrived (at the Washingtons' home) (in less than five minutes).

94) Mr. Washington was complaining of pain in his chest and back and displaying other symptoms of a heart attack.

Answer: Mr. Washington was complaining (of pain) (in his chest and back) and displaying other symptoms (of a heart attack).

95) By its quick response to the emergency call, the rescue team may have saved a life.

Answer: (By its quick response) (to the emergency call), the rescue team may have saved a life.

*Identify the objects of the prepositions in the following sentences and list them in the spaces provided.*

(Adapted from DeVito, Joseph A. *Essentials of Human Communication*. New York: Longman, 1999. 190-192.)

96) All relationships, whether face-to-face or online, have the power to increase or decrease your happiness and satisfaction; there are advantages and disadvantages of interpersonal relationships.

Answer: relationships

97) Relationships enable you to maximize pleasures and minimize pain in several ways.

Answer: ways

98) For example, relationships help lessen loneliness.

Answer: example

99) Relationships help you learn about yourself and enhance your self-esteem.

Answer: yourself

100) You can enhance your physical and emotional health with interpersonal relationships.

Answer: relationships

101) Without close interpersonal relationships you're more likely to become depressed.

Answer: relationships

102) Depression contributes significantly to physical illness.

Answer: illness

103) A new, slightly different interpersonal relationship has evolved with expanding Internet and e-mail use.

Answer: use

104) Online relationships benefit from rather unique advantages.

Answer: advantages

105) First, you have a better chance to make a first impression using your inner qualities, unlike face-to-face encounters where physical appearance tends to outweigh personality.

Answer: encounters

106) When there are no physical cues, online relationships place the two people on equal footing.

Answer: footing

- 107) Online, disabled people, shut-ins, and the extremely shy may find developing friendships or romantic relationships a lot easier than in face-to-face situations.  
Answer: situations
- 108) You also have a better chance of meeting those who share your interests.  
Answer: meeting
- 109) Online relationships also have unique disadvantages to the people involved.  
Answer: involved
- 110) To many people, not knowing the appearance of the communication partner is a disadvantage.  
Answer: people; partner
- 111) Even if photographs are exchanged, you can't be certain that they are of the person or that they were taken recently.  
Answer: person
- 112) You can't hear their voices which communicate a great deal of information.  
Answer: information
- 113) Online, people can present a false self with little chance that you will find out.  
Answer: chance
- 114) Minors may present themselves as adults.  
Answer: adults
- 115) Adults can pretend to be children to lure children into illegal sexual communications and even arrange face-to-face meetings.  
Answer: communications
- 116) Because so many people create false identities online, the transition to face-to-face interaction is often difficult.  
Answer: interaction
- 117) However, the Internet is quickly becoming the foundation for new friendships, business-customer relationships, interest groups, clubs, organizations, and romances.  
Answer: friendships

*Phrasal prepositions contain more than one word. Write the phrasal preposition from each of the sentences in the space provided.*

- 118) According to a recent newspaper article from the Associated Press, Canada was at the top of the United Nation's list for having the best quality of life.  
Answer: according to
- 119) Along with income, health care, and life expectancy, educational levels are also a basis of the rankings.  
Answer: along with
- 120) Although the United States came in third, its level of human poverty, with respect to life expectancy, illiteracy, and unemployment, was the highest among industrialized nations.  
Answer: with respect to

121) In England, Ireland, and the United States, more than one out of five adults are functionally illiterate, which means they can't read at a fifth-grade level.

Answer: out of

122) Because of the AIDS epidemic and wars, Africa was at the bottom of the list.

Answer: because of

123) As for the Middle Eastern countries, Yemen was at the bottom.

Answer: as for

124) With reference to developing countries which had the greatest advances, Indonesia, Egypt, and Nepal were the highest since 1975.

Answer: with reference to

125) The United States was third in the quality-of-life rankings; Norway was in front of the United States and second to Canada.

Answer: in front of

126) With respect to income, over 17 percent of the United States population is "income poor."

Answer: with respect to

127) Japan was ninth out of the top ten.

Answer: out of

*Verbs followed by prepositions are called phrasal verbs. In the following sentences, identify the phrasal verbs and their prepositions and write them in the space provided.*

128) Emeril tried on his new chef's hat right before the show.

Answer: tried on

129) He looked up at his image in the monitor.

Answer: looked up

130) The hat was a bit too big for his head, so he realized he had better watch out.

Answer: watch out

131) During the show, while he was deep frying potatoes, the hat fell off of his head and into the fryer, so he immediately turned off the fryer.

Answer: turned off

132) If he hadn't acted so quickly, the studio could have burned down.

Answer: burned down

## 2.3 True/False Questions

*For each of the following sentences, write T if the underlined word is a preposition and F if it is not a preposition. (Adapted from DeVito, Joseph A. *Essentials of Human Communication*. New York: Longman, 1999. 120.)*

1) Nonverbal communication is communication without words.

Answer: TRUE

- 2) It is the communication that takes place through bodily gestures, facial expressions, eye movements, spatial relationships, clothing and color, touch, vocal rate and volume, and even the way in which you treat time.  
Answer: TRUE
- 3) Emblems are one of the five major types of body movements.  
Answer: TRUE
- 4) Emblems are body gestures that directly translate into words or phrases.  
Answer: FALSE
- 5) Some examples of emblems are the okay sign, the thumbs-up for "good job," and the "V" for victory.  
Answer: FALSE
- 6) Emblems are culture-specific, so be careful when using your culture's emblems in other cultures.  
Answer: FALSE
- 7) For example, when President Nixon visited Latin America and gestured with the okay sign, he thought it communicated something positive.  
Answer: TRUE
- 8) He was quickly informed that this gesture was not universal.  
Answer: FALSE
- 9) In Latin America the gesture has a far more negative meaning.  
Answer: FALSE
- 10) In the United States, to say "hello," you wave with your whole hand moving from side to side.  
Answer: FALSE
- 11) However, in a large part of Europe that same signal means "No."  
Answer: TRUE
- 12) In Greece, however, this would be considered insulting to the person to whom you are waving.  
Answer: FALSE
- 13) The "V" for victory is common throughout much of the world.  
Answer: TRUE
- 14) If used in England with the palm facing your face, it is as insulting as the raised middle finger is in the United States.  
Answer: TRUE
- 15) In the United States and in much of Asia, hugging is rarely exchanged among acquaintances, but among Latins and Southern Europeans, hugging is a common greeting gesture that, if withheld, may communicate unfriendliness.  
Answer: TRUE

*Some of the words below are prepositions. Write T if the word is a preposition and F if the word is not a preposition.*

16) underneath

Answer: TRUE

17) among

Answer: TRUE

18) because

Answer: FALSE

19) except

Answer: TRUE

20) therefore

Answer: FALSE

21) throughout

Answer: TRUE

22) whose

Answer: FALSE

23) despite

Answer: TRUE

24) whenever

Answer: FALSE

25) against

Answer: TRUE

26) out

Answer: TRUE

27) however

Answer: FALSE

28) past

Answer: TRUE

29) before

Answer: TRUE

30) than

Answer: FALSE

31) must

Answer: FALSE

32) consequently

Answer: FALSE



33) in

Answer: TRUE

34) as

Answer: TRUE

35) by

Answer: TRUE

*Look for the prepositions in the following sentences. If the underlined word is a preposition, write T in the space provided. If the underlined word is not a preposition, write F.*

36) During a hot, summer run, the average runner needs to stay hydrated.

Answer: FALSE

37) If you become dehydrated while running, your blood actually thickens.

Answer: FALSE

38) As a result, your heart rate increases.

Answer: TRUE

39) Also, oxygen and nutrients are delivered to your muscles more slowly.

Answer: FALSE

40) A runner weighing about 160 pounds sweats 4 to 6 more cups of water while running on a hot July day.

Answer: TRUE

41) If you don't like water, you can take advantage of the variety of sports drinks on the market today.

Answer: FALSE

42) Fitness water is low in calories but contains sodium, potassium, and some vitamins, such as B, C, and E.

Answer: TRUE

43) Some people like to drink soda, but if your diet is not healthy, a fortified drink like iced tea with herbs, vitamins, and minerals added is a good idea.

Answer: TRUE

44) Traditional sports drinks contain sodium and other electrolytes to rehydrate the body after intense exercise.

Answer: TRUE

45) It is possible to drink too much water causing an electrolyte imbalance because the water overload can dilute the sodium levels in your blood.

Answer: FALSE

*For each phrase below, write T if it is a prepositional phrase and F if it is not.*

46) have walked

Answer: FALSE

- 47) around the corner  
Answer: TRUE
- 48) who downloaded music  
Answer: FALSE
- 49) throughout my life  
Answer: TRUE
- 50) where all the bikers go  
Answer: FALSE
- 51) during the hurricane  
Answer: TRUE
- 52) within ten years  
Answer: FALSE
- 53) to run  
Answer: TRUE
- 54) inside his Corvette  
Answer: TRUE
- 55) since I started  
Answer: FALSE

## 2.4 Essay Questions

Find the prepositional phrases in the following sentences. Write the prepositional phrase(s) in each sentence in the space provided. If there are no prepositional phrases in a sentence, write the word none.

1) (1) Why do we make maps? (2) Certainly one of the primary reasons is to establish one's perception of the world graphically—to give ourselves a security of knowing where we are located and what surrounds us. (3) Our ancestors probably made maps before they invented any other form of written communication. (4) However, dating very old maps is a difficult task because much of the record has been lost to the ravages of time.

(5) Many of the world's oldest maps come to us from the ruins of Mesopotamia and from ancient Anatolia, the region known as Turkey. (6) These maps are most commonly engraved on clay tablets, and most vary greatly in scale—from very small perceptions of the world to larger inscriptions describing local features, such as a particular city or even individual fields or buildings. (7) Scholars still are unsure as to the antiquity of many of these early efforts at cartography; dates given for some Mesopotamian maps may vary from a few to 1500 years, and the interpretation of their contents, size, symbols, and even colors differs widely.

(8) One of the oldest examples of mapmaking is the Babylonian clay tablet inscribed with a map of Nippur. (9) That ancient city, near the old capital of Babylon, was an important religious center for both the Sumerians and the Babylonians, who believed that Nippur was the holy city of their god Enlil. (10) On the right side of the tablet can be found the temple and its storehouses, a park enclosed by a wall. (11) The Euphrates River runs through the city, and two canals branch off from it—one leading to fields on the right side of the tablet and the other running through the center of the city. (12) A wall encloses the city, and seven gates, each one named, are depicted. (13) Archaeologists who study the ancient site of Nipur believe that this map was drawn to scale. (14) If so, this tablet is our earliest known town plan drawn to such scale. (15) The primary purpose of the map is not known, but a good possibility is that the map was intended to help to repair the defenses of the city's walls.

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Answer: (1) none

(2) of the primary reasons; of the world graphically; of knowing

(3) of written communication

(4) of the record, to the ravages; of time

(5) of the world's oldest maps; to us, from the ruins; of Mesopotamia; from ancient Anatolia; as Turkey

(6) on clay tablets; in scale; from very small perceptions; of the world; to larger inscriptions

(7) as to the antiquity, of many; of these early efforts; at cartography; for some Mesopotamian maps; from a few; to 1500 years; of their contents, size, symbols and even colors

(8) of the oldest examples; of mapmaking; with a map; of Nippur

(9) near the old capital; of Babylon; for both the Sumerians and the Babylonians; of their god Enlil

(10) On the right side; of the tablet; by a wall

(11) through the city; from it; to fields; on the right side; of the tablet; through the center; of the city

(12) none

(13) of Nipur; to scale

(14) to such scale

(15) of the map; of the city's walls

*Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow using one or more prepositions in your answer.*

In the 1960s, the American schoolchildren learned that Christopher Columbus was a courageous European explorer who "discovered" America and after whom schools and cities were named. Five hundred years after Columbus' landing in the West Indies, however, many Americans have challenged the history book version of Columbus' conquest of the New World. Columbus didn't "discover" America, the critics maintain, because it had already been discovered and inhabited by Native Americans. Columbus' need for gold and glory resulted in his enslaving the Indians and permanently disrupting the cultures that the Indians had established.

2) Write a paragraph to explain your own views of Columbus.

Answer: Answers will vary.

3) You have witnessed a robbery and have been noticed by the thieves who are now running after you. You want to get away from them. In five sentences, use prepositions that indicate spatial relationships to let us see your escape from the robbers. Decide where the phrases marked by prepositions will be most effective. You can place the structures either before or after each main sentence.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Answer: Answers will vary.

*There are 14 prepositional phrases in the following poem. In the space provided, list each of the prepositional phrases you find.*

4)           The Willow Leaf  
              By Tchan Tiou-Lin

The maiden who gazes dreamily from her window  
resting on her elbows,—  
I do not love her for her splendid palace  
on the banks of the Yellow River;  
I love her  
because she has dropped a little willow leaf  
into the water.

I do not love the breeze from the east  
because it brings me  
the scent of the blossoming peach trees  
that whiten the Oriental Mountain;  
I love it  
because it has blown the little willow  
leaf close to my boat.

And the little willow leaf,—

I do not love it for reminding me  
of the tender spring  
that has just flowered again;  
I love it  
because the maiden has written a name on it  
with the point of her embroidery needle,  
and because that name is mine.

(From Klemer, D. J. ed. *Chinese Love Poems*. New York: Doubleday, 1959. 32.)

- Answer:
1. from her window
  2. on her elbows
  3. for her splendid palace
  4. on the banks
  5. of the Yellow River
  6. into the water
  7. from the east
  8. of the blossoming peach trees
  9. to my boat
  10. for reminding me
  11. of the tender spring
  12. on it
  13. with the point
  14. of her embroidery needle