

# GENERAL ENGLISH

## PREPOSITIONS

In the last session we have studied the significance of prepositions, various types of prepositions, stock of prepositions and select list of words taking more than one preposition. In this session let us learn more about them and work out a few examples for practice.

### Words Taking More than One Preposition

#### 1. *Blind:*

A: Of (Physical). He is blind of one eye.

B: To (mental). She seems blind to his faults.

#### 2. *Communicate:*

A: With (to make correspondence). We can now communicate instantly with people on the other side of the world.

B: To (to convey). Has the news been communicated to the staff yet?

#### 3. *Compare:*

A: With (similar things). Shakespeare is compared with Kalidasa.

B: To (dissimilar things). Life is compared to a battle.

#### 4. *Compete:*

A: With (person). It's difficult for a small supermarket to compete with the big supermarkets.

B: For (a thing). The two athletes are competing for the gold medal.

#### 5. *Complain:*

A: To (person). If the service was so bad why didn't you complain to the manager?

B: Against (a Person). He complained to the Master against Sunder.

C: About (a thing). Lots of people have complained about the noise.

#### 6. *Confer:*

A: On (to give). The President conferred the title of Bharat Ratna on him.

B: With (a person). I should like some time to confer with my lawyer.

**7. Die:**

A: Of(disease). He died of cancer.

B: From (a cause). He died from hunger.

C: By (sword or violence). He died by a sword.

**8. Differ:**

A: With(person). I beg to differ with you on that point.

B: From (things). His views differ considerably from those of his parents.

**9. Disqualified:**

A: From(action). He's been disqualified from driving for a year.

B: For (post or thing). He was disqualified for the post of Police Inspector.

**10. Entrust:**

A: With(in case of a person). Two senior officials have been entrusted with organizing the auction.

B: To(in case of thing). I cann-ot entrust my money to him.

**11. Familiar:**

A: With(person). He doesn't like to be too familiar with his staff.

B: To(subject). I am familiar to German language.

**12. Fight:**

A: With (Person). We fought with the English.

B: For(thing). We fought with the English for freedom.

**13. Grateful:**

A: To(Person). I am grateful to Ram.

B: For(thing). I'm so grateful (to you) for all that you've done.

**14. Heir:**

A: Of(descendant). A son is us-ually the heir of the father.

B: To(thing). The Prince of Wales is the heir apparent to the throne.

**15. Indebted:**

A: To (person). I am indebted to my friend.

B: For (thing). I am indebted to my friend for his help.

**16. Indignant:**

A: With(person). He was indignant with his friends.

B: A (thing). The teacher was indignant at his carelessness.

**17. Live:**

A: On (to exist). A man lives on food.

B: By (to depend on, to believe in). For several years she lived by begging.

**18. Part:**

A: From(persons). To be parted from him even for two days made her sad.

B: With(things). He cannot part with his money.

**19. Responsible:**

A: To(person). He was responsible to the boss.

B: For(thing). Last month's bad weather was responsible for the crop failure.

**20. Taste:**

A: Of(experience). Now you will have a taste of new work.

B: For (interest). I have no taste for athletics.

**21. Tired:**

A: Of (mental). I'm so tired of doing the same job, day after day.

B: With (physical). I am tired with working for five hours continuously.

**PRACTICE TEST**

- Religious leaders should not delve \_\_\_\_\_ politics.  
a) In                      b) With                      c) at                      d) into
- My voice reverberated \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of the castle.  
a) With                      b) from                      c) in                      d) on
- She hates being late. She is always \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
a) On                      b) in                      c) at                      d) to
- How many kilometers are there \_\_\_\_\_ Paris and London?  
a) From                      b) to                      c) between                      d) through
- It is only \_\_\_\_\_ you and me. Keep it confidential.  
a) At                      b) in                      c) among                      d) between

6. They were \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with joy when they heard the baby had been born.  
a) Beside      b) at                      c) through              d) without
7. We did not arrive \_\_\_\_\_ time to say goodbye. They had already left.  
a) In              b) on                      c) at                      d) by
8. He grew up \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts. No wonder he became one.  
a) In              b) between              c) among              d) at
9. Take this medicine and you will get rid \_\_\_\_\_ the bad cold.  
a) From              b) over                      c) at                      d) of
10. Which of her books have you got, \_\_\_\_\_ this one?  
a) Beside              b) without              c) apart                      d) besides
11. Did you come all this way \_\_\_\_\_ foot?  
a) On              b) in                      c) at                      d) by
12. \_\_\_\_\_ when have you lived in this town?  
a) For              b) during                      c) since                      d) without
13. I rang him \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.  
a) In              b) to                      c) since                      d) on
14. I spent a lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ my holiday.  
a) On              b) in                      c) for                      d) at
15. I paid the phone bill \_\_\_\_\_ March.  
a) On              b) in                      c) at                      d) behind

**Key**

- 1) d      2) b      3) a      4) c      5) d      6) a      7) a      8) c  
9) d      10) d      11) a      12) c      13) d      14) a      15) b

**STOCK OF PREPOSITIONS**

C		
Compatible with	Comply with	Complain of
Compliment on	Compared of	Concur in
Condole with	Conducive to	Confer on
Confirmation of	Confirm to	Congratulate on
Conscious of	Contiguity with	Converge on
Convict of	Cope with	Correspond with
Cost of	Credit with	Cure of

**D**

Deal with

Deliberate on

Depend on

Derogate from

Detrimental to

Difficulty in

Disgusted with

Dissociate from

Dressed in

Debar from

Delight in

Deprive of

Desist from

Devoid of

Different of

Discourse with

Divest of

Due to

Decide on

Depart to

Derive from

Despair of

Differ from

Disagree with

Dispose of

Divide into

**E**

Effort in

Emphasis on

Enlarge on

Entrust (somebody) with

Extend to

Election to

Employ In

Engage in

Essential to

Embroider in

Endow with

Entrust to

Expostulate with

**F**

Fed up with

Fire at (when not hit)/on

Fraught with

Fill with (enthusiasm) in (a form)

Focus on

Fritter in

Forbid to

Full of

**G**

Give to

Good at

Glad of

Gratitude for

Grapple with

Guilty of

**H**

Hanker after  
possession of)

Hostility to/

in/on hand (in

**I**

Identical with

Indict for

Infatuated with

Information on

Inquire into (matter)/ of (person) / about / after (thing)

Impose on

Indifferent to

Infect with

Ingratiate

Incur on

Indulge in

Infest with

(oneself) with

Insensible to

Insist on	Interest in	Intimate to
Intoxicate with	Intrigue with	Intrude on
Invest with (power)/ in (bank)	Investigation of	Involve in

**J**

Jealous of	Jeer at	Jump at
Just to		

**K**

Key of (the doo-r)/ at (a problem)	Knock at
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**L**

Lash at	Lay siege to	Leave for
Level against	Live on	Long for
Look at/ to	Lure into	

**M**

Married to	Meddle with	Meeting for
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**N**

Neglect of/in	Nominated to	Noted for
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**O**

Oblivious of	Operate on	Opinion on
Overcome with	Owing to (not after a noun)	

**P**

Pay a call on	Persevere in	Persist in
Plan for	Plead for	Pleased with
Prefer to	Preference for	Present with
Prevent from	Preventive for	Priority to
Probe into	Prohibit from	Proud of
Provide with	Put out/ off	

**R**

Recoil from	Reconcile to	Remand to
Remonstrate with	Repent of	Replete with
Reply to	Research on	Resolve on/ to
Responsibility of		

**S**

Sail for

Sentence to

Side with

Stickler for

Subversive of

Superior to

Surprised at

Sympathise with

Satiate with

Shoot at

Sparing of

Stricture on

Succeed in

Supply with

Susceptible to

Sympathy for

Satisfied with

Sick of

Square with

Subsist on

Sue for

Sure of

Suspect of

**T**

Take up

Tear off/ up

Throw at

Trace to

Try to

Temper with

Testify to

Tinker at

Trample on

Taste of/ for

Thank for

Tire of

Translate into

**U**

Unequal to (the task)

**V**

Vest with / in

View with

Vote for (a candidate)

**W**

Wait for

Wish for

Write in / with

Ways of

Witness of

Wide of

Wonder at