

Prepositions

1. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition, where necessary:

1. I'm sorry, I can't talk the moment. Can you call back 10 minutes? – OK. I'll give you a ring 5 o'clock. Is that OK?
2. We often meet Christmas or our birthdays. Actually, we are meeting Saturday evening. We are going our favourite restaurant.
3. If you do not have time the weekend, we can meet Monday morning or we can talk lunch. – Oh, I am going away and I won't be back Tuesday evening.
4. When is she getting married? - the end of this month, I think. Don't worry, you will learn the date time.
5. Please, don't be late. We need to start time as we have a lot of things to discuss and I have to leave early ... the afternoon.
6. ... first I didn't like him but ... the end we became friends.
7. She was lying the grass reading a book.
8. Did you read the sign ... the door? – No, what does it say? – Well, the meeting will be held ... next week, so we can go ... home.
9. Shall we meet ... the station? – No, I will pick you up and take you there ... my car.
10. I woke up the night because I heard some noise. The people who live next door were having a party. Their guests were leaving midnight.

2. Are the sentences correct?

1. Her husband often goes away on business.
2. Please write your name in block capitals.
3. The train arrived in time, which is unusual.
4. Shall we go by car or by foot?
5. Whenever I see her, she is talking to someone by her mobile.
6. Have you ever been in Italy?
7. I will be home around 7.
8. She will come later as she is by the doctor's.
9. I must have left the book in the bus.
10. She arrived to London late in the evening.
11. I didn't do it on purpose.
12. My daughter is sleeping at her friend's tonight.

13. Is this your first visit in Brno?
14. Try to say it in your own words.
15. Have you ever read a novel from Hemingway?

3. *Supply the correct preposition:*

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| 1. welcome Brno | 8. the city centre |
| 2. a trip ... France | 9. ... the beach |
| 3. ... my way home | 10. ... page twenty-five |
| 4. ... a concert | 11. night |
| 5. swim the sea | 12. noon |
| 6. meet ... the airport | 13. ... the corner of the room |
| 7. ... the sky | 14. write ... pencil |

4. *What's the difference?*

1. on the grass vs. in the grass
2. at the back of vs. on the back of vs. in the back of
3. on the bottle vs. in the bottle
4. at the door vs. on the door vs. by the door

Answers

Ex. 1

1. at the moment, in 10 minutes, at 5 o'clock
2. at Christmas, on our birthdays, on Saturday evening, to our favourite restaurant
3. at the weekend, on Monday morning, at lunch, till/until Tuesday evening.
4. at the end of this month, in time
5. on time, early in the afternoon
6. at first, in the end
7. on the grass
8. on the door, held – next week, go – home
9. at the station, in my car

10. in the night/during the night, at midnight

ex. 2

1. correct
2. correct
3. on time
4. on foot
5. on her mobile
6. to Italy
7. correct
8. at the doctor's
9. on the bus
10. in London
11. correct
12. correct
13. to Brno
14. correct
15. by Hemingway

ex. 3

1. to
2. to
3. on
4. at
5. in
6. at
7. in
8. in
9. on
10. on
11. at
12. at
13. in
14. in

ex. 4

1. on the grass (on the surface) vs. in the long grass
2. at the back of the cinema, bus, room vs. on the back of the photo, envelope vs. in the back of the car, taxi
3. on the bottle (on the surface) vs. in the bottle (inside)
4. at the door = by the door vs. on the door (surface)