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## Fill in the Blanks with Prepositions

Choose the correct preposition from the list below to complete the sentences.

List of Prepositions: at, by, in, on, from

1. John is \_\_\_\_ the grocery store.
2. Mary is reading a book \_\_\_\_ the library.
3. Jason will be back \_\_\_\_ an hour.
4. Linda is sitting \_\_\_\_ the park bench.
5. A letter \_\_\_\_ Jane arrived today.

### Answers:

1. at, 2. in, 3. in, 4. on, 5. from

## Exercise: Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions

1. She has been living \_\_\_\_ New York \_\_\_\_ five years.
2. The cat is hiding \_\_\_\_ the table.
3. He was born \_\_\_\_ July 4th, 1990.
4. They arrived \_\_\_\_ the airport \_\_\_\_ time for their flight.
5. The book is \_\_\_\_ the shelf \_\_\_\_ the left.
6. She is interested \_\_\_\_ learning new languages.
7. He will meet us \_\_\_\_ the restaurant \_\_\_\_ 7 PM.
8. The teacher was pleased \_\_\_\_ the students' progress.
9. I prefer coffee \_\_\_\_ tea.
10. We should walk \_\_\_\_ the park \_\_\_\_ the evening.

### Answers:

1. She has been living **in** New York **for** five years.
2. The cat is hiding **under** the table.
3. He was born **on** July 4th, 1990.
4. They arrived **at** the airport **in** time for their flight.
5. The book is **on** the shelf **to** the left.



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6. She is interested **in** learning new languages.
7. He will meet us **at** the restaurant **at** 7 PM.
8. The teacher was pleased **with** the students' progress.
9. I prefer coffee **to** tea.
10. We should walk **in** the park **in** the evening.

## Complete the Sentences with Prepositions

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions to complete the sentences.

1. The cat jumped \_\_\_\_ the fence.
2. Simon is standing \_\_\_\_ me.
3. Put the dishes \_\_\_\_ the cabinet.
4. Megan came \_\_\_\_ Sarah's party.
5. Nina is talented \_\_\_\_ playing the piano.

## Answers:

1. over, 2. beside, 3. in, 4. to, 5. At

Select the correct preposition for each sentence.

1. The children are playing (in, on, at) the garden.
2. (On, At, Under) Tuesday, we have a basketball match.
3. She received a present (in, from, with) her aunt.
4. He jumped off (the, an, a) diving board.
5. They went to the store (at, in, on) the morning.

## Answers:

1. in, 2. On, 3. from, 4. the, 5. in

## Exercise 5: Long Questions

Use prepositions to describe the relationships between the objects in these scenarios.

1. Describe where your shoes are in relation to your bed.



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2. Describe where the book is in relation to the table.
3. Describe where the tree is in relation to the house.

### Sample Answers:

1. My shoes are under my bed.
2. The book is on the table.
3. The tree is behind the house.

### Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

1. This shop doesn't have the toys I was looking \_\_\_. (up/for)
2. The teacher divided the sweets \_\_\_ all the children. (between/among)
3. Bruce did not fare well \_\_\_ his examination. (in/at)
4. The dog is grateful \_\_\_ its owner. (to/for)
5. My brother's anniversary is \_\_\_ 5th November. (on/in)
6. The boy \_\_\_ the store is quite young. (at/on)
7. Mahatma Gandhi was born \_\_\_ 2nd October. (on/in)
8. Rupert is fond \_\_\_ muffins. (of/off)
9. The dog jumped \_\_\_ the sofa. (on/in)
10. Humpty Dumpty sat \_\_\_ a wall. (on/at)
11. The police officer is \_\_\_ the station. (at/on)
12. The Sun will not rise \_\_\_ 6 o'clock. (before/since)
13. I know Jack \_\_\_ he was a little boy. (for/since)
14. Priya's house is \_\_\_ mine. (next to/after)
15. The opponents sat \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. (opposite/behind)
16. The scientist looked \_\_\_\_\_ the microscope. (through/in)
17. I met Suhani when I was \_\_\_ college. (in/on)
18. I will have completed my task \_\_\_ Friday. (till/by)
19. There's a rift \_\_\_ these two kids. (between/among)
20. The soldiers are \_\_\_ war. (in/at)

Answers –

- 1.For
- 2.Among



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- 3.In
- 4.To
- 5.On
- 6.At
- 7.On
- 8.Of
- 9.On
- 10.On
- 11.At
- 12.Before
- 13.Since
- 14.Next to
- 15.Opposite
- 16.Through
- 17.In
- 18.By
- 19.Between
- 20.At

## **ACTIVE VOICE, PASSIVE VOICE & IMPERSONAL PASSIVE**

**Examine the following sentences and identify whether they are in active or passive voice.**

1. The flowers bloom in the spring.
2. The meal was cooked by the chef.
3. The children are playing in the park.
4. The books were arranged by the librarian.
5. The artist paints stunning portraits.

### **Answers**

1. Active voice
2. Passive voice
3. Active voice
4. Passive voice
5. Active voice



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**Change the following sentences from active voice to passive voice.**

1. The cat chased the mouse.
2. The teacher explained the lesson.
3. The football team won the match.
4. The chef is preparing the meal.
5. The gardener waters the plants every morning.

**Answers –**

1. The mouse was chased by the cat.
2. The lesson was explained by the teacher.
3. The match was won by the football team.
4. The meal is being prepared by the chef.
5. The plants are watered by the gardener every morning.

**Change the following sentences to passive voice.**

1. She sings a song.
2. Help Suhani.
3. Are you writing a letter?
4. I will finish the task before the evening.
5. The boy killed the ant.
6. They took all the necessary precautions.
7. They have informed him of his mother's death,
8. The students did some research on the topic.
9. The car hit the dog.
10. The dolphins have learned many tricks.

**ANSWERS**

11. A song is sung by her.
12. Let Suhani be helped.
13. Is a letter being written by you?
14. The task will be finished before the evening.
15. The ant was killed by the boy.
16. All the necessary precautions were taken by them.
17. He has been informed of his mother's death,



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18. Some research on the topic has been done by the students.
19. The dog was hit by the car.
20. Many tricks have been learnt by the dolphins.

### Impersonal Passive Exercises:

- 1) They are constructing a new bridge across the river
- 2) The engineers have introduced many innovations in aeronautical industry
- 3) They have successfully installed the new machinery in the factory
- 4) A skilled operator can carry out operations on a CNC machine
- 5) The panel is receiving the performance of the employees
- 6) The mechanics use thin grease as a lubricant in ball bearings
- 7) Someone will speak Japanese at the meeting
- 8) The company employed many workers this year
- 9) The industry generates heat for welding in many ways
- 10) We welded two metal plates together

### Answers

- 1) A new bridge is being constructed across the river.
- 2) Many innovations have been introduced in the aeronautical industry.
- 3) The new machinery has successfully been installed.
- 4) Operations can be carried out on a machine.
- 5) The performance of the employees is being reviewed.
- 6) Thin grease is used as a lubricant in ball bearings.
- 7) Japanese will be spoken at the meeting.
- 8) Many workers were employed this year
- 9) Heat is generated for welding in many ways.
- 10) Two metal plates were welded together.

Change the sentences from active to passive or vice versa.

1. Shreya Ghoshal sings beautiful songs.
2. The Sun sets in the West.
3. The boy was being beaten by his teacher.
4. Bucky is helped by Steve.



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5. The carpenter is building the desk.
6. The woodcutter cut down the tree.
7. The man dropped his axe into the river.
8. The bird was shot by the naughty boy.
9. The bag was found by me.
10. Natasha lost the money.
11. The farmer will plough the field.
12. The work will be finished by the workers in a day.
13. The enemy has entered the war zone.
14. Who sang the song?
15. The children teased the animals.

## Answers

1. Beautiful songs are sung by Shreya Ghoshal.
2. The Sun sets in the West. (This sentence is already in the passive voice.)
3. The teacher was beating the boy.
4. Steve helps Bucky.
5. The desk is being built by the carpenter.
6. The tree was cut down by the woodcutter.
7. His axe was dropped into the river by the man.
8. The naughty boy shot the bird.
9. I found the bag.
10. The money was lost by Natasha.
11. The field will be plowed by the farmer.
12. The workers will finish the work in a day.
13. The war zone has been entered by the enemy.
14. By whom was the song sung?
15. The animals were teased by the children.

## **Exercise: Convert the sentences as directed**

### *Part A: Change from Active Voice to Passive Voice*



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1. The chef prepares the meal.
2. The teacher is explaining the lesson.
3. The children will play the game.
4. The artist painted a beautiful picture.
5. The students have completed their assignments.

### *Part B: Change from Passive Voice to Active Voice*

6. The song was sung by the choir.
7. The book was written by the famous author.
8. The homework is being done by the students.
9. The cake will be baked by my mother.
10. The house has been cleaned by the maid.

### *Part C: Change to Impersonal Passive Voice*

11. People say that he is a great leader.
12. They believe that the project will succeed.
13. Someone found the missing keys.
14. Everyone knows that she is an expert in her field.
15. The committee has approved the new policy.

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### **Answers:**

#### *Part A: Active Voice to Passive Voice*

1. The meal is prepared by the chef.
2. The lesson is being explained by the teacher.
3. The game will be played by the children.
4. A beautiful picture was painted by the artist.
5. Their assignments have been completed by the students.

#### *Part B: Passive Voice to Active Voice*





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6. The choir sang the song.
7. The famous author wrote the book.
8. The students are doing the homework.
9. My mother will bake the cake.
10. The maid has cleaned the house.

### *Part C: Impersonal Passive Voice*

11. It is said that he is a great leader.
12. It is believed that the project will succeed.
13. The missing keys were found.
14. It is known that she is an expert in her field.
15. The new policy has been approved.

### **I. Choose the synonym of the words given in *Italics*:**

1. He is *notorious* for his dishonesty.  
a. infamous, b. dreaded, c. loathed, d. investigated.
2. The Central Government tries to *curb* the extremists.  
a. resist, b. control, c. sustain, d. induce
3. Her style of dress *accentuated* her extreme slenderness.  
betrayed, b. disfigured, c. emphasized, d. revealed
4. The dollar exchange rate *fluctuates* daily.  
a. increase, b. changes, c. stabilizes, d. revealed
5. In his statement to the press, the administrator was consistently *equivocal*.  
a. ambiguous, b. reasonable, c. friendly, d. frank
6. The sick child spoke in a *feeble* voice.  
a. humble, b. noisy, c. weak, d. irksome
7. The police had to use tear gas to *disperse* the crowd.  
scatter, b. broadcast, c. mobilize, d. outspread
8. The party meeting ended in great *fiasco*.  
a. disorder, b. gaiety, c. entertainment, d. rejoicing
9. Drinking alcohol in public places is *prohibited* in Tamilnadu.  
a. permitted, b. taught, c. banned, d. revoked
10. She *resolved* to do well in her final examinations.



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a.promised, b. hoped, c. consented, d. decided

11.Mahatma Gandhi is *revered* by the whole country.

a.respected, b. detested, c. distrusted, d. assassinated

12.The New Year eve is usually *hectic* as people rush to make last minute purchase.

a.happy, b. very expensive, c. exciting, d. very busy.

13.In spite of medical advances, Aids remains a *fatal* disease.

a.curable, b. painful, c. deadly, d. disabling

14.The Kashmir problem is a *crucial* one to India.

a.critical, b. servile, c. prolong, d. important

15.She is *reluctant* to get married.

a.interested, b. careless, c.indifferent, d. hesitant

16.The young boy felt so *bashful* that he did not speak to the pretty girl.

a.haughty, b. discreet, c. shy, d. upset

**17.***Adversity* is the real test of friendship.

a.misfortune, b. happiness, c. fear, d. relief

18.The King *relinquished* his throne to his brother.

a.gave up, b. prosecuted, c. delighted, d. undertook

19.Nehru is an *eminent* leader.

a.famous, b. unknown, c. unnoticed, d. ordinary

20.Saravanan 's father *reprimanded* him for his extravagance.

a.commended, b. lauded, c. admonished, d. eschewed

**21.***Juvenile*

a.delinquent, b. a minor offence, c. docile, d. a young person

**22.***Baptize*

a.christen, b. make holy, c. dehumanize, d. ostracize

**23.***Swamp*

a.forest, b. soft, wet land, c. dry, sandy soil, d. prairie

**24.***Postpone*

a.call off, b. do without, c. put off, d. see about

**25.***Drought* a.monsoon winds, b. dry weather, c. rain and sleet, d. flash floods

**Exercise: Choose the synonym of the words given in Italics**

1. The weather was *frigid* yesterday.



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- ☐ a) cold
  - ☐ b) hot
  - ☐ c) warm
2. She was very *elated* after receiving the good news.
- ☐ a) sad
  - ☐ b) excited
  - ☐ c) confused
3. The movie was *captivating* from start to finish.
- ☐ a) boring
  - ☐ b) fascinating
  - ☐ c) dull
4. His *arduous* journey took several months to complete.
- ☐ a) easy
  - ☐ b) difficult
  - ☐ c) short
5. The teacher gave a *concise* explanation of the topic.
- ☐ a) long
  - ☐ b) brief
  - ☐ c) complicated
6. The *obscure* author finally received recognition for his work.
- ☐ a) famous
  - ☐ b) unknown
  - ☐ c) popular
7. She has a *prodigious* talent for music.
- ☐ a) average
  - ☐ b) immense
  - ☐ c) limited
8. His *meticulous* approach to work impressed everyone.
- ☐ a) careless
  - ☐ b) thorough
  - ☐ c) hasty
9. The garden was *verdant* with lush green plants.
- ☐ a) dry
  - ☐ b) colorful



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- c) green
- 10. The athlete's *tenacity* led him to victory.
- a) determination
- b) weakness
- c) hesitation

## Answers:

- 1. a) **cold** (frigid)
- 2. b) **excited** (elated)
- 3. b) **fascinating** (captivating)
- 4. b) **difficult** (arduous)
- 5. b) **brief** (concise)
- 6. b) **unknown** (obscure)
- 7. b) **immense** (prodigious)
- 8. b) **thorough** (meticulous)
- 9. c) **green** (verdant)
- 10. a) **determination** (tenacity)

## II. Choose the synonym for the words given below from the four alternatives:

- 1. Pensive
- a. Oppressed b. caged **c. thoughtful** d. happy
- 2. Banish
- a. Exile** b. hate c. fade d. clean
- 3. Fraud
- a. Malcontent b. argument **c. imposter** d. clown
- 4. Saccharine
- a. Leave **b. sweet** c. arid d. quit
- 5. Drag
- a. Sleepy b. crush c. proud **d. pull**
- 6. Jovial
- a. Incredulous **b. merry** c. revolting d. dizzy
- 7. Indifferent
- a. Neutral** b. unkind c. precious d. mean



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8. Simulate

a. Excite **b. imitate** c. trick d. apeline

9. Charisma

a. Ghost b. force **c. charm** d. courage

10. Apportion

**a. Divide** b. decide c. cut d. squabble

11. Generic

**a. General** b. cheap c. fresh d. elderly

12. Qualm

a. Distress b. impunity c. persevere d. **scruple**

13. Wary

a. Calm b. curved c. confused **d. cautions**

14. Distort

a. Wrong b. evil **c. deform** d. harm

15. Sumptuous

a. Delirious b. gorgeous c. perilous **d. luxurious**

16. Reel

**a. Whirl** b. fish c. hit d. mistake

17. Inscrutable

a. Difficult **b. mysterious** c. inflexible d. wary

18. Appall

a. Delirious b. covered **c. dismay** d. confuse

19. Upright

**a. Honorable** b. horizontal c. humble d. supine

20. Reverie

a. Palimpsest b. phantom **c. daydream** d. curio

21. Loot

a. Destruction b. waste **c. spoils** d. cavort

22. Loquacious

**a. Talkative** b. thirsty c. beautiful d. complicated

23. Chimera

a. Chimney b. protest **c. illusion** d. panache

24. Temerity



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**a. Audacity** b. fearfulness c. shyness d. stupidity

25. Educe

a. Demand **b. elicit** c. ideal d. unlawful

26. Nabob

**a. Bigwig** b. doubter c. frolic d. converse

27. Pall

a. Light **b. satiate** c. carry d. horror

28. Sacrosanct

a. Prayer b. sanctuary c. pious **d. sacred**

29. Louche

a. Gauche b. fine c. brilliant **d. indecent**

30. Stentorian

a. Violent b. misbegotten **c. loud** d. stealthy

31. Remote

a. Automatic **b. distant** c. savage d. mean

32. Detest

a. Argue **b. hate** c. discover d. reveal

33. Gracious

a. Pretty b. clever **c. pleasant** d. present

34. Predict

**a. Foretell** b. decide c. prevent d. discover

35. Kin

a. Exult b. twist c. friend **d. relative**

## Compound Nouns

### Question 1:

Identify the compound noun in the following sentence:

"The project manager conducted a brainstorming session to generate innovative ideas."

Answer:

Compound Noun: "brainstorming session"

### Explanation:

In this sentence, the compound noun is "brainstorming session," where "brainstorming" and "session" together form a single entity, referring to a specific type of meeting or gathering.

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**Choose the correct compound noun in the given options:**

- A. Information system
- B. Running shoes
- C. Design thinking
- D. Coffee shop

**Answer:**

Compound Noun: A. Information system

**Explanation:**

The correct compound noun is "Information system." It represents a combination of "information" and "system," indicating a specific type of organized structure for managing information.

**Question 3:** Identify the compound noun in the following sentence:

"The software developer designed a user interface to enhance user experience."

**Answer:**

Compound Noun: "user interface"

**Explanation:**

The compound noun in this sentence is "user interface," where "user" and "interface" together form a single entity, referring to the point of interaction between the user and the software.

**Question 4:**

Which of the following options is NOT a compound noun?

- A. Swimming pool
- B. Classroom
- C. Airplane
- D. Sunflower

**Answer:**

D. Sunflower

**Explanation:**

Among the given options, "Sunflower" is not a compound noun. It is a simple noun, referring to a type of flowering plant. Compound nouns consist of two or more words that function as a single unit to convey a specific meaning.

**Question 5:**

Identify the compound noun in the following sentence:

"The team organized a team-building exercise to improve collaboration."

**Answer:**

Compound Noun: "team-building exercise"



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**Explanation:**

In this sentence, the compound noun is "team-building exercise," where "team-building" and "exercise" together form a single entity, indicating a specific activity aimed at enhancing teamwork and collaboration.

**Question 6:**

What is the correct compound noun for a place where birds are kept and raised?

- A) Birdhouse
- B) Birdcage
- C) Birdnest
- D) Birdfield

**Answer 6:**

- B) Birdcage

**Explanation:**

A birdcage is a structure used to confine and protect birds. A birdhouse is a structure where birds build nests, and it may not necessarily be used for raising them.

**Question 7:**

Which compound noun refers to a person who collects and studies butterflies?

- A) Butterkeeper
- B) Lepidopterist
- C) Insectologist
- D) Flutterhunter

**Answer 7:**

- B) Lepidopterist

**Explanation:**

A lepidopterist is a person who studies butterflies and moths. The term is derived from the order name "Lepidoptera," which includes butterflies and moths.

**Question 8:**

What is the correct compound noun for a vehicle designed for both land and water travel?

- A) Landship
- B) Amphibious
- C) Terraboat
- D) Aquacar

**Answer 8:**

- B) Amphibious





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**Explanation:**

An amphibious vehicle is capable of operating on both land and water. The term "amphibious" is derived from the Greek words "amphi," meaning both, and "bios," meaning life.

**Question 9:**

Which compound noun describes a severe and prolonged downturn in economic activity?

- A) Recession
- B) Depression
- C) Slumpdown
- D) Declinefall

**Answer 9:**

- B) Depression

**Explanation:**

A depression is a more severe and prolonged economic downturn than a recession. It is characterized by a significant decline in economic activity, widespread unemployment, and other adverse economic conditions.

**Question 10:**

What is the compound noun for the act of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own?

- A) Copycat
- B) Plagiarism
- C) Imitation
- D) Mimickery

**Answer 10:**

- B) Plagiarism

**Explanation:**

Plagiarism is the act of taking someone else's work, ideas, or intellectual property and presenting them as one's own without proper acknowledgment or permission. It is considered an ethical and legal violation.