



2012 E.C - 2019\20 ACADEMIC YEAR
English Lesson note for Grade 3 = Round 4

Preposition

A preposition is a word that shows the relation of a noun or a pronoun to another word in a sentence. A preposition usually expresses ideas such as time, place, position, direction and purpose. Words like **at**, **on**, **under**, **in**, **behind** and **between** are prepositions.

Example: - she is sleeping under the tree.

: - Barok sits behind Selam.

The underlined words in the examples above are prepositions.

The following tables contain rules for some of the most frequently used prepositions:

I. Preposition of time

Prepositions	Usage	Example
On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Days of the week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Monday
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Months/ seasons Time of day Year After a certain period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In August/ in winter In the morning In 2020 In an hour
At	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For A certain point of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at night at the weekend at half past nine
Since	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a certain point of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> since 1980
Before	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> earlier than a certain point of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> before 2020
Ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a certain time in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years ago

II. Preposition of place (position and direction)

prepositions	Usage	Example
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• room, building, street, town, country• book, paper etc• car, taxi• world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• in the kitchen, in Ethiopia• in the book• in the car, in the taxi• in the world
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• meaning• for events• a place where you are to do something (watch film, study, work)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the door, at the station• At the table• At the party• At the cinema, at school, at work
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attached to• Being on a surface• For a certain side (left or right)• For a public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The picture is on the wall• In the table• On the left• On the bus, on the plane
beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Left or right of somebody or something	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selam is standing beside the car
under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• on the ground, lower than (or covered by) something else	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the bag is under the table
below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lower than something else but above ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the fish are below the water
Over	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• covered by something else• getting to the other side	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• put a jacket over your shirt• walk over the bridge• climb over the wall•

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Exercise 3 : Fill in the blanks with “at”, “on” and “in”.

1. I don't usually go to school _____ weekends.
2. I like to study _____ my bed room.
3. The do is sitting _____ the floor.
4. I go to school _____ the morning.
5. I go home _____ 9 pm.
6. It's my birthday _____ Saturday.
7. I woke up _____ the afternoon.
8. I go to sleep _____ night.
9. The pen is _____ your hands.
10. The cat is _____ the table.

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