

# Grens High School – Grade 8 English FAL Language

## 1) **Prepositions**

### Exercise 1

Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositions.

1. Toys were lying ----- the room. (on / about)
2. Astrophysics is ----- me. It is too difficult for me. (above / about)
3. There were ----- twenty children in the class. (about / above)
4. I live ----- the street. (across / about)
5. He walked ----- the bridge. (above / across)
6. He came in ----- you. (after / over)
7. The ladder was standing ----- the wall. (against / at)
8. The waves beat ----- the cliffs. (against / over)
9. He aimed the ball ----- the stumps. (on / at)
10. She applied the plaster ----- the cut. (to / in)

## Exercise 2

Fill in the correct prepositions

**about – at – by - for – from – in – of – on – to – with**

1. She learned Russian \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 45.
2. The book was written \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Twain.
3. I'll show you the picture \_\_\_\_\_ the palace.
4. We can only get to the camp \_\_\_\_\_ foot.
5. He reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ his old history teacher.
6. What are you talking \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of next year we will have made over £ 100,000.
8. She always gets up early \_\_\_\_\_ the morning and goes to bed late \_\_\_\_\_ night.
9. I went to work \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday but I didn't go \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
10. You'll have to wait. He'll be with you \_\_\_\_\_ a minute.
11. Philip waited \_\_\_\_\_ her at the movie theatre.
12. He started learning English \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.
13. You have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets on the day you order them.
14. We are very proud \_\_\_\_\_ this company.
15. It's very kind \_\_\_\_\_ you to help us.
16. The old man suffered \_\_\_\_\_ a heart attack.
17. Please write \_\_\_\_\_ pencil.
18. It's \_\_\_\_\_ time you told him the truth.
19. The manager didn't take part \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.
20. He's very good \_\_\_\_\_ telling jokes.
21. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ the conference
22. We sat down \_\_\_\_\_ the grass and ate our lunch.
23. My parents got married \_\_\_\_\_ the 1970s.
24. There's a good restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
25. We usually have turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving.
26. I would like to travel \_\_\_\_\_ Italy next summer.
27. I took a plane \_\_\_\_\_ Munich to Rome.
28. I'd like to speak \_\_\_\_\_ the manager please.
29. I don't usually feel tired \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.

30. My mother is abroad so my dad is taking care \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.
31. Sonja gets \_\_\_\_\_ the seven o'clock bus in the morning.
32. She always looks \_\_\_\_\_ herself in the mirror.
33. I met Donna \_\_\_\_\_ a party \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night.
34. My friend always borrows money \_\_\_\_\_ me.
35. Daria's books are lying \_\_\_\_\_ the floor.
36. He arrived at the school building just \_\_\_\_\_ time.
37. The audience threw tomatoes \_\_\_\_\_ him.
38. Passengers are not allowed to use cell phones \_\_\_\_\_ airplanes.
39. He is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ what he does.
40. I'm sorry \_\_\_\_\_ the job you didn't get.
41. I'm very bad \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics.
42. We had to climb slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.
43. He is always \_\_\_\_\_ time.
44. How many people are \_\_\_\_\_ your team?
45. A university is where you study \_\_\_\_\_ a degree.
46. Her next birthday will be \_\_\_\_\_ a Sunday.
47. The new factory is expected to go online \_\_\_\_\_ May.
48. Many of us eat \_\_\_\_\_ fork and spoon.
49. We have been searching \_\_\_\_\_ a web designer for a few weeks now.
50. The TV is \_\_\_\_\_ the corner of the room.

## 2) Articles

### Exercise 1

Fill in **a** or **an** into the gaps.

1. \_\_\_ apple
2. \_\_\_ ugly T - shirt
3. \_\_\_ hamster
4. \_\_\_ English book
5. \_\_\_ sweater
6. \_\_\_ iPod
7. \_\_\_ hamburger
8. \_\_\_ interview
9. \_\_\_ dog
10. \_\_\_ folder
11. \_\_\_ pen
12. \_\_\_ octopus
13. \_\_\_ uniform
14. \_\_\_ beautiful dress
15. \_\_\_ cellphone

### Exercise 2

Write the correct article (**a/an/the**) or write **blank** (---) when no article is needed.

1. \_\_\_ moon goes round \_\_\_ Earth every 27 days.
2. \_\_\_ Soviet Union was \_\_\_ first country to send a man into space.
3. Did you see the film on \_\_\_ television or at the cinema ?
4. I'm not very hungry, I had \_\_\_ big breakfast.
5. I never listen to \_\_\_ radio. In fact, I haven't got \_\_\_ radio.
6. What is \_\_\_ highest mountain in \_\_\_ world ?
7. It was a long voyage. We were at \_\_\_ sea for four weeks.
8. Look at \_\_\_ apples on that tree. They're very large.
9. \_\_\_ women are often better teachers than \_\_\_ men.
10. In Britain \_\_\_ coffee is more expensive than \_\_\_ tea.
11. We had a very nice meal. \_\_\_ cheese was especially good.
12. \_\_\_ most people believe that \_\_\_ marriage and \_\_\_ family life are the basis of society.
13. They got married but \_\_\_ marriage wasn't very successful.
14. I know someone who wrote a book about \_\_\_ life of Ghandi.
15. \_\_\_ life would be very difficult without \_\_\_ electricity.

### 3) Parts of speech

#### 1. Common nouns

**Common nouns are names of people, places and things in general. Examples are: mother, tiger, city and table.**

**Hint: common nouns usually have 'the' 'a' or 'an' in front of them.**

Instructions: Write down the common nouns from each of the following sentences.

Example: Sally gave her dog a bone.

Answer: dog, bone

#### Exercise 1

1. The boys were flying kites on the beach.
2. There was an earthquake in Italy on Monday.
3. Radha bought a bicycle for her brother.
4. India is the seventh largest country in the world.
5. Jane, my sister, wants to be an airhostess.
6. I forgot my umbrella at home.
7. America is one of the most developed countries in the world.
8. Agra is on the banks of river Yamuna.
9. The coach was angry when the boys lost the championship.
10. Titanic is the name of the ship that sank on its maiden journey.

#### Exercise 2

1. The boys are playing in the garden.
2. My brother is a soldier.
3. The teacher advised the students to work hard.
4. The doctor asked the patient to quit smoking.
5. Somebody has let the cat in.
6. One of his cousins lives in Canada.
7. We are waiting for the train to arrive.
8. James has done his homework.
9. This bakery sells the best pastries in town.
10. Rahul has borrowed a book from me.
11. Supriya played the part of the queen in the play.

## 2. Proper nouns

**Proper nouns are the names given to people, places and products.**

Instructions: Capitalize the proper nouns in each sentence below.

Example A: I went to catholic school when i was young.

Answer: Catholic, I

### Exercise 1:

1. I live in the free state province.
2. Do you think that stan is your best friend?
3. I must say that sarah is a very smart student.
4. The proteas are good cricket team.
5. I live on lightview street.
6. asia is a very large continent.
7. I live in the united states of america.
8. I love having friesland milkshake on a sunday.
9. Do you think that cape town is a crowded city?
10. We live on the south-eastern coast of south africa.

### Exercise 2:

1. j.m. coetzee wrote many books.
2. simba is the cutest kitten ever.
3. I'm craving doritos.
4. Let's go to disney land.
5. mr bell seems to understand what students need.
6. I can see jupiter tonight.
7. He never goes anywhere without jhonny.
8. There are many important documents at the museum of natural history.

### 3. Abstract nouns

**Abstract nouns are intangible. They identify concepts, experiences, ideas and feeling.**

**Abstract nouns are the opposite of concrete nouns.**

**Common Abstract Nouns include; love, peace, honesty, loyalty, hate etc...**

Instructions: Circle the abstract noun in each sentence below.

Example A: The man had a lot of pride in his work.

Answer: pride

1. I respected the honesty my friend showed.
2. Can you believe that woman's brilliance?
3. To my delight, everyone arrived on time.
4. She was in great despair when she lost her phone.
5. We have a lot of hope for the future.
6. They showed extreme joy when they helped others.
7. The men had much bravery on the battlefield.
8. My mother always shows great compassion for her children.
9. We have a lot of faith in our family.
10. I was in awe of the devastation.
11. I want to find love someday.
12. Over time most people develop wisdom.

#### 4. Collective nouns

A collective noun is a word that refers to a group.

Instructions: Fill in the collective noun or nouns in each sentence. Choose from the words below. A word can be used more than once.

group	forest	flock	library	army	loaf	convoy
pride	herd	sloth	pack	class	school	hive
troop						

1. The \_\_\_\_ of soldiers walked across the land.
2. The \_\_\_\_ of geese flew over the lake.
3. The \_\_\_\_ of wildebeest moved towards the river.
4. I bought a \_\_\_\_ of bread at the market.
5. The \_\_\_\_ of dancers went to the auditorium.
6. A \_\_\_\_ of bees attacked the boy.
7. A \_\_\_\_ of birds flew over my house.
8. A \_\_\_\_ of baboons swung in a \_\_\_\_ of trees.
9. A \_\_\_\_ of bears looked in the river for a \_\_\_\_ fish.
10. The \_\_\_\_ of students walked to the assembly.
11. A \_\_\_\_ of cows walked to the barn.
12. A \_\_\_\_ of lions went to hunt.
13. A \_\_\_\_ of books was on sale.
14. The \_\_\_\_ of trucks drove down the street.
15. A \_\_\_\_ wolves attacked the \_\_\_\_ zebras in the open field.



5. Compound nouns
6. Diminutives
7. Augmentatives
8. Gerunds
9. Finite verbs
10. Non-finite verbs
11. Adjectives: comparative and superlative