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Prepositions and Articles for Turkish Speakers: the, a, in, on, at

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Article | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Noun | Phrase | Preposition | Collocations

1. Complete the alien tourist's travel blog entry about visiting Earth by choosing the best word for each gap.

I arrived _____ Istanbul _____ a sunny Tuesday. Later, I rode _____ a crowded ferry and watched _____ captain steer the ship while eating my intergalactic snacks.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** at
- **B)** on
- **C)** in

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- **A)** in
- **B)** at
- **C)** on

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- **A)** in
- **B)** at
- **C)** on

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- **A)** a
- **B)** an
- **C)** the

2. Detective Holmes is tracking down Professor Whiskers, a highly elusive cat. Since Turkish uses the same locative suffix for "in," "on," and "at," the detective's assistant often gets confused.

Select ALL the notes in the detective's notebook that use prepositions of place correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The suspect was seen sleeping in a cardboard box.
- **B)** Paw prints were found on the kitchen counter.
- **C)** He was last spotted waiting at the back door.
- **D)** The cat is hiding on the bedroom.
- **E)** He left a half-eaten mouse in the ceiling.

3. Complete the proud parent's brag at the neighborhood dinner party.

My daughter just graduated, and now she is ___ engineer at a huge tech company!

Select one.

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** an
- **D)** [no article]

4. Complete Count Dracula's online dating profile.

I enjoy long, romantic walks in the graveyard, but I only go out ___ night.

Select one.

- **A)** in
- **B)** on
- **C)** at
- **D)** in the

5. Help Agent 007 complete his top-secret mission report by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I was waiting _____ the bus stop when a mysterious man approached. He placed _____ unmarked envelope _____ the bench and vanished into _____ night.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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6. Help the frantic traveler text his friend about his arrival.

I'm finally ___ train to London! I'll see you in an hour.

Select one.

- **A)** in the
- **B)** on the
- **C)** at the
- **D)** inside

7. Complete the eccentric time traveler's diary entry by choosing the correct time prepositions and articles.

I arrived in London _____ the 19th century. Precisely _____ midnight _____ Tuesday, I finally met _____ inventor of the time machine.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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8. Read the sticky note a forgetful time traveler left for himself and choose the right words to fill the gaps.

You are currently undercover as _____ history teacher. Your meeting with the queen is _____ May 4th, early _____ the morning. Whatever you do, do not stare directly at _____ sun while setting your time-watch!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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9. Help the panicked college student finish her excuse email to her professor by choosing the correct word for each gap.

I am currently _____ the third floor of the library. I left my essay _____ home, and I am in _____ terrible panic! According to _____ syllabus, late work is penalized.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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10. Help the excited fans finalize their concert plans! Turkish uses a single suffix (*-de/-da/-te/-ta*) for most time expressions, but English is pickier.

Select ALL the sentences that use time prepositions perfectly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The band is playing on Friday night.
- **B)** The gates open at 6:00 PM sharp.
- **C)** We bought our tickets in January.
- **D)** The concert is in July 15th.
- **E)** I hope they play my favorite song on the evening.

11. Help Buster the dog complain to the neighborhood cat about his owners.

My humans are ___ work all day, leaving me to guard the couch!

Select one.

- **A)** in the
- **B)** at the
- **C)** at
- **D)** in

12. Help the detective finish her official report about the mysterious cat burglar by selecting the correct words for each gap.

The suspect claimed he was relaxing _____ home _____ exactly midnight, but a witness saw him climbing _____ roof of the city museum. Interestingly, he was carrying _____ unusually large sack of tuna.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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