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Prepositions Romance Speakers Mix Up: in, on, at, to, for, and since

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Gerund | Infinitive | Phrase | Preposition | Present tense | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Progressive tense | Collocations

1. Complete the dramatic vampire's monologue.

I have been wandering these dark, lonely castle halls ___ three centuries, waiting for someone to return my favorite cape.

Select one.

A) since
B) for
C) during
D) in

2. Help the frantic commuter complete his text message to his boss.

Please don't fire me, but I am currently ___ the wrong train. I will be at the office as soon as I find my way back!

Select one.

A) in
B) on
C) at
D) to

3. Help the disorganized time-traveler program their machine's destination log by choosing the correct preposition for each gap.

The portal opened _____ Paris _____ exactly midnight _____ a rainy Tuesday.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) in
B) on
C) at

Blank 2

A) at
B) in
C) on

Blank 3

A) on
B) in
C) at

4. Complete the frantic text messages from your friend who is hopelessly lost in a new city.

"Okay, so I arrived _____ the train station _____ Monday morning just like we planned! But now I'm completely lost. I'm currently sitting _____ a taxi, and the driver is asking for directions. Help!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) at
B) in
C) on

Blank 2

A) on
B) in
C) at

Blank 3

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

5. Help the lovesick time-traveler fix his message to his crush by selecting the correct preposition for each blank.

I have been stranded in this century _____ three decades, ever _____ the great storm of 1993. Let's finally meet _____ the bus stop _____ Friday at midnight. I brought a futuristic gadget just _____ you, and I am going to give it _____ you then!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** for
- **B)** since
- **C)** in

Blank 2

- **A)** since
- **B)** for
- **C)** on

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

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

Blank 5

- **A)** for
- **B)** to
- **C)** on

Blank 6

- **A)** to
- **B)** for
- **C)** at

6. Help Agent 007 fill out his highly classified expense report by choosing the right prepositions.

"Last week, I traveled _____ Rome _____ meet the secret informant. While I was there, I paid €500 _____ a tailored suit because a spy must always look his best."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** in
- **B)** for
- **C)** to

Blank 2

- **A)** to
- **B)** for
- **C)** at

Blank 3

- **A)** for
- **B)** to
- **C)** of

7. Help the detective finish his official police report about the world's clumsiest jewel thief. Choose the correct prepositions to fix the timeline of events.

The suspect arrived _____ the crime scene exactly at midnight _____ Monday. After the robbery, he successfully escaped but accidentally gave the stolen diamond _____ a pigeon, mistaking the bird for his accomplice. He has now been hiding in a basement _____ three weeks, completely terrified to go outside.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) in
B) to
C) at

Blank 2

A) in
B) on
C) at

Blank 3

A) to
B) for
C) at

Blank 4

A) for
B) since
C) during

8. Complete Count Dracula's online dating profile so he can finally find his soulmate.

"I am a traditional guy. I have lived in this drafty castle _____ 1893, and honestly, I haven't seen a decent tailor _____ centuries. I usually wake up _____ midnight, so I'm definitely a night owl."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) for
B) from
C) since

Blank 2

A) for
B) since
C) during

Blank 3

A) in
B) on
C) at

9. The writers of the dramatic soap opera "Tears of the Wealthy" are notoriously bad at grammar, often translating directly from their native Spanish and Italian!

Select ALL the script lines that use the grammatically correct prepositions.

Select all that apply.

A) "I will wait for you forever, Alejandro!"
B) "My love for you depends of your bank account."
C) "When did you arrive in Madrid?"
D) "I cannot listen you anymore!"
E) "She apologized to him for the misunderstanding."

10. Agent 008 is reviewing her top-secret mission brief. The agency's translator often confuses "to" and "for" (a common trap for speakers of languages that use *por* and *para*).

Select ALL the sentences that correctly use "to" and "for".

Select all that apply.

A) You must travel to Berlin for a highly classified meeting.
B) I bought this exploding pen to you.
C) She used a fake mustache to disguise herself.
D) Use this laser watch for unlock the safe.
E) This mission is too dangerous for a beginner.

11. Help the forgetful time-traveler review his logbook! Romance language speakers often mix up English prepositions of time because their native languages might just use one word (like *en* or *a*) for all of them.

Select ALL the sentences where the time-traveler used the correct prepositions.

Select all that apply.

A) I arrived in 1985.
B) I landed on Tuesday morning.
C) I met a friendly dinosaur at the afternoon.
D) I have been stuck here since three weeks.
E) I will attempt to return at midnight.

12. Count Vlad is updating his modern dating profile, but he keeps messing up his timeline. Since Romance languages often use the same preposition for "since" and "for" (like *depuis* in French or *desde* in Spanish), he needs your help!

Select ALL the sentences where Vlad correctly uses "for" and "since".

Select all that apply.

A) I have lived in this gloomy castle for 400 years.
B) I have been single since five centuries.
C) I haven't seen the sun since 1893.
D) I have been looking for a partner since a long time.
E) I have been practicing my smile for the last few days.