Prepositions of time and word order exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

Let's meet _____ Friday.

a) at b) in c) on

2. Fill in the gap

Dinner is at six. Anna does her homework at eight, _____ dinner.

Words: until / before / after / from

3. Choose the right option

Yesterday _____ a new phone.

a) I bought b) bought I c) did I buy

4. Choose the right option

Tom _____ late for work.

a) is often b) does often c) often is

5. Fill in the gaps

I swim _____ Mondays and play tennis _____ a month.

Words: every / three times / three time / at / on

6. Fill in the gaps

The party starts _____ eight o'clock _____ Saturday.

Words: in the / in / on / at

7. Choose the right option

The shop is open _____ Monday to Saturday.

a) on b) until c) from

8. Choose the right option

Tom _____ on Saturday.

a) met at the station Anna b) met Anna at the station c) at the station met Anna

9. Fill in the gaps

You can _____ _____ me at home in the evening.

Words: find / always / to / finds

10. Put the words in order

teeth / day / Tom / on / twice / two / brushes / a / his

Not all words are needed.

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11. Put the words in order

at / on / watch / the / watches / We / evening / TV / in

Not all words are needed.

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12. Choose the right option

We play tennis _____ lunch, not before it.

a) after b) to c) until

13. Fill in the gaps

We went _____ _____.

Words: the cinema / to the cinema / last night / in last night

14. Put the words in order

Say that Anna never arrives late for work

never / work / She / are / does / late / for / is

Not all words are needed.

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15. Choose the right option

I go to the gym three _____ a week.

a) times b) once c) time

16. Choose the right option

My cat sleeps all day and plays _____ night.

a) at b) in c) on

17. Choose the right option

Anna's party is on Saturday, so buy a present _____ Saturday.

a) after b) before c) until

18. Choose the right option

Last Sunday _____ to the zoo.

a) went the children b) did the children go c) the children went

19. Choose the right option

We _____ to the cinema. It's very expensive.

a) don't often go b) doesn't often go c) don't go often

20. Choose the right option

I play tennis twice _____ week.

a) in b) a c) on

21. Choose the right option

It often snows here _____ January.

a) at b) in c) on

22. Choose the right option

Please finish your homework _____ dinner.

a) to b) before c) until

23. Fill in the gaps

Anna came _____ _____.

Words: to my house / in Friday / on Friday / my house

24. Fill in the gaps

My dad doesn't _____ _____ the bus to work.

Words: takes / goes / often / take / to

Answers

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1. **on**

   Friday is a day, so we use *on*. We don't use *in* or *at* with days.

2. **after**

   Eight is later than six, so we use *after*. *Before* means earlier, and *until* means all the time up to then.

3. **I bought**

   Time comes first, but the subject and the verb still follow: *I bought*. *Did I buy* is question order.

4. **is often**

   With *is*, we put *often* after it: *is often*. We don't need *does* here.

5. **on ... three times**

   For each Monday we say *on Mondays*. *Three times* has *-s* at the end.

6. **at ... on**

   We use *at* with clock times and *on* with days: *at eight o'clock*, *on Saturday*.

7. **from**

   We show the start and the end with *from ... to*. We use *on* for one day.

8. **met Anna at the station**

   Who he met comes right after the verb: *met Anna*. Then come place and time.

9. **always ... find**

   Always goes after *can*. Then comes the second verb, *find*, with no *-s*.

10. **Tom brushes his teeth twice a day.**

    We say *twice*, not *two*, and then *a day* with no preposition. *Twice a day* goes at the end or at the start.

11. **We watch TV in the evening.**

    We say *in the evening*. We use *at* with *night* and *on* with days.

12. **after**

    Not before means later, so we use *after*. *Until* means up to then. For a period of time, *to* goes with *from*: *from ... to*.

13. **to the cinema ... last night**

    Place comes before time: *to the cinema*, then *last night*. We don't put a preposition before *last*.

14. **She is never late for work.**

    With *is*, we put *never* after it: *is never*. The sentence already has *is*, so we don't need *does*.

15. **times**

    After *three* we need the plural: *three times*. *Once* means one time.

16. at

We say *at night*. We use *in* with *the morning* and *the evening*, not with *night*.

17. before

You buy the present earlier than Saturday, so we use *before*. *Until* is for something that goes on: *wait until Saturday*.

18. the children went

Time comes first, but the subject and the verb still follow: *the children went*. *Did the children go* is question order.

19. don't often go

Often goes after *don't*, before *go*, not right after *go*. We don't use *doesn't* with *we*.

20. a

We say *twice a week*, with *a*. We don't use *in* or *on* here.

21. in

We use *in* with months: *in January*. We use *on* with days and *at* with clock times.

22. before

You finish earlier than dinner, so we use *before*. *Until* is for something that goes on up to then.

23. to my house ... on Friday

Place comes before time: *to my house*, then *on Friday*. We say *came to my house*, and we use *on* with days.

24. often ... take

Often goes after *doesn't* and before *take*. After *doesn't* the verb has no *-s*.