

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

Medium

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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.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**Blank 4**

- 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.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**Blank 4**

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

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.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**Blank 4**

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

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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- B) an
- C) the

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

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- C) the

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**Blank 4**

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

**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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**Blank 2**

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- C) at

**Blank 3**

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- A) a
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