

Grammar exercises

1 Underline the correct preposition.

Place

- 1 Is there enough storage space *with / from / in* the house?
- 2 The supply room is *at / from / after* the far end of the warehouse.
- 3 When I am *at / from / for* home, I usually eat in my room.
- 4 I would like to have a seat *between / on / beside* the fire exit, please.

Time

- 5 Gina comes to work every day *at/for/on* 9:00 exactly.
- 6 The meeting will take place *in/at/on* Monday and Wednesday.
- 7 Angie is going to take her vacation time *in /at/on* November.
- 8 They have to turn this report in *until / by/ in* 8:00.

Movement

- 9 The heat *along / from / about* the kitchen can be uncomfortable.
- 10 I took the file *out of / towards / among* the filing cabinet for Mr. Anderson.
- 11 The firefighter had to break *onto / out / into* the warehouse to put out the fire.
- 12 Every year quite a number people are injured by falling *through / over / at* a household pet.

2 Some of the prepositions in this memo are wrong. Find and correct them.

From: Susan Moore
 To: All staff *at*
 Subject: Safety 1 among work

The safety inspection team observed the following safety hazards 2 during their recent inspection:

Sharp objects are often left 3 above desks. You must store equipment such as staplers, scissors, and letter openers 4 in a closed drawer when not in use.

Electrical and phone cables are lying 5 from the aisles 6 between desks. These could cause people to trip.

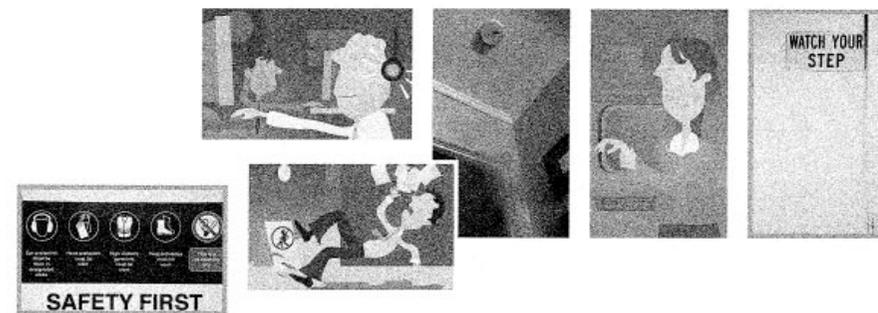
Containers and other equipment have been left 7 out the aisles. These obstruct passage 8 beside the offices and they also create a tripping hazard. In one office, a photocopier machine was placed 9 in forward of the emergency exit.

3 Read this email from Demi to her friend Lexy about her accident at work. Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition. Some blanks can have more than one answer.

Hi Lexy,
 Today I had an accident 1 _____ school. Don't worry—I'm okay! Although it could easily have been much worse. Believe it or not, it occurred 2 _____ "Safety at Work Week." Our club sent around some posters all about various hazards that occur 3 _____ the school. I was trying to impress the club president so I volunteered to pin them up 4 _____ the wall. And guess what happened. I climbed 5 _____ a desk and then one of its legs snapped and I fell 6 _____ the chair. I cut my scalp and there was a lot of blood. Rachel got some bandages 7 _____ the first aid kit and wrapped up my head. Then she brought me 8 _____ the emergency room 9 _____ the hospital to get treated. I had five stitches 10 _____ my head, and, of course, I missed the rest of the seminar 11 _____ safety at work. I was made to rest for a few hours 12 _____ the hospital and now I'm back home and feeling much better. By the way, the poster I was trying to pin up was one showing the dangers of balancing 13 _____ tables to reach high places. The poster tells that it is much safer to use a stepladder. I have learned my lesson!

Always, Demi

4 Use the pictures to write sentences about hazards or safety precautions in these workplaces. Use prepositions in your sentences.



1. If you listen to loud music at work, you should use headphones.
2. Yesterday I slipped on a wet floor and hurt my back.
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____