

## **UNIT-12**

### **GENERAL USE OF PREPOSITIONS**

#### **1. At**

- Exact point of time:  
**at** 10:00 pm, **at** 7:00 am, **at** sunset, **at** the moment
- In front of festivals:  
**at** Dashain, **at** Christmas
- To express meal time:  
**at** supper, **at** lunch
- To denote place and direction:  
**at** the bus park, **at** the office, **at** my aunt's house  
**at** the corner, **at** the traffic light  
laugh **at** sth, look **at** sth/sb, rush **at** the enemy
- With superlative  
**at** worst, **at** least, **at** his / her best
- To indicate order  
**at** last, **at** the second, **at** first etc.

#### **2. On**

- To indicate the particular days / dates / parts of the particular days.  
**on** Friday, **on** 14<sup>th</sup> February, **on** Sunday morning  
**on** the occasion
- Supported by, fastened by, attached to, lying against, in contact with  
**on** the wall, **on** the floor, **on** envelope, **on** the grass, **on** the table
- Following a noun or adjective, indicating an activity, manner, state  
on business, on holiday, on tour, on sale, on the way, on fire, on loan.

#### **3. In**

- To indicate the part of the days  
**in** the morning, **in** the afternoon, **in** the evening
- To indicate the past point of time  
**in** 2005, **in** 1996, **in** 20th century
- To signify the large field, closed area, some boundary  
**in** the ground, **in** the room, **in** the stadium, **in** Nepal, **in** Kathmandu
- To mention seasons/dress/state or condition/ occupations activity etc

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**in** winter, **in** the sari, **in** red pants, **in** tears, **in** doubt, **in** secret, **in** rage, **in** love, **in** doubt, in a hurry, **in** politics, **in** the cabinet, in business.

### 4. By

- Near, at or the side of beside  
**by** me, **by** the river, **by** the field
- To indicate the agent of passive  
**by** Ram, **by** Amrit
- No later than a given time  
**by** 4 o'clock, **by** 2 o'clock
- To indicate path or means of travel, transport  
**by** land/air/bead/sea/road/train/bus
- To indicate pass, past  
goes **by** the field, comes **by** the roads

### 5. For

- Indicating purpose/hope/wish/search/inquiry
  - Let's go for a walk.
  - Let's pray for peace.
  - I work for a living.
  - Let's cry for help.
  - They read for pleasure.
- Indicating possessions
  - These are all for you.
  - There is a telegram on the table for you
- Considering the circumstances
  - Giriraj is too tall for his age.
  - It is too cold for the summer.
  - These dresses are suitable for Dashain.
- Indicating suitability, fitness
  - He is fit/unfit for the job.
  - It is harmful for his health.
  - You are living for the fun.

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### 6. Of

- Indicating cause / material or substance

He died of the flu.

He is afraid of/proud of/tired of/ashamed of sth.

Made of iron, build of concrete

- Indicating reference / relation / connection

The cause of the theft, the result of the discussion,

The topic of the debate, victim of the crime,

Fond of games, masters of Arts

- Indicating authorship/origin/separation in space or time.

He is a man of corrupt origin.

He reads books of friends.

Hetauda is fifty miles south of Lalitpur.

### 7. "Since" denotes "point of time"

I have worked in this office since July.

He has played football since 1998

Hari has not met me since Friday.

### 8. "For" denotes «period of time?

Shovaraj has been imprisoned **for** 6 years.

Dhananjaya has been translating English in to Nepali **for** ages

They have not visited their relatives **for** a week

### 9. From

- To introduce place/person/point as the starting points

Traveling **from** Jhapa to KTM,

Move from one place to another,

Get loan **from** the bank,

Seize the mobile **from** the thief.

- To indicate the starting of a period of time

from childhood, from 14" February, **from** the 1' century

- To indicate the source **from** which something is taken

Draw the map **from** nature.

Draw water **from** the well.

Draw conclusions **from** the evidence.

- To show the changes in materials through process

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Wire is made **from** apples.

Steel is made **from** iron.

### 10. With

- To indicate the means or instrument

Cut cake with a knife.

Walk with crutches.

Write with pencil.

With the help of your friends.

See the bird with your eyes.

- To show the characteristics of covering/filling/ carrying/having

Fill the tank with petrol.

Hills are covered with snow

Handle with care.

A boy with blue eyes.

Beggar with a donation box.

A man with six fingers

With your permission.

- To indicate relationship/cause/accompaniment

Live with your partner.

Discuss problems with your teacher.

Shaking with music.

Trembling with fear

Shaking with cold

- To indicate manner / separation

Live with bravery

with great pleasure

with hearty welcome

with roar

dispense with

parted with