

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** 14th 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/road/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