Prepositions

Typically, the prepositions *to*, *at*, *in*, and *on* can be classified into the following categories:

- **At** – point
- **On** – surface
- **In** – area/volume
- **To** – direction

The basic preposition of a direction is *to*.

Examples:
- Michelle returned *to* her house.
- Rebecca just went *to* the store.
- When can we go *to* the mall?

The basic prepositions to denote an enclosed area are *in* and *on*.

Examples:
- Jennifer and Christina are *in* the living room.
- I keep my jewelry *in* this case.
- Sandy is already *in* the house.
- Heather is *on* the roof again.
- Is that David *on* the stage?
- What is that *on* the table?

The basic preposition to denote a location, destination, or direction is *at*.

Examples:
- Let’s meet *at* my house.
- Did I arrive *at* the meeting on time?
- The dog jumped *at* my face.
Preposition Checkup

Fill in the blanks with the proper preposition (at, to, in, on).

1. Is that a squirrel ______ that tree?
2. When are we going ______ the movie theater?
3. Is that you ______ television?
4. Is that you ______ my class this morning?
5. Why are you sitting ______ my chair?
6. Please do not lean ______ my car.
7. Let’s meet ______ the bowling alley.
8. Can we take a bus ______ the historical sections?
9. I am going to school ______ AASU.
10. Who was ______ that movie?
11. What is written ______ the chalkboard?
12. I am going ______ the cafeteria
13. I am going to eat ______ a new place across the street.
14. Look ______ the table for directions ______ the restaurant.

Answer Key

1. in / on 8. to
2. to 9. at
3. on 10. in
4. in 11. on
5. in / on 12. to / in
6. on 13. at
7. at 14. on, to