

USE OF PREPOSITIONS

- TO:** This cloth is superior to that. (better than)
This paper is inferior to that. (worse than)
He is senior to (junior to) me.
This cloth is similar to that.
The Russians are hostile to the Americans.
(unfriendly towards)
His brothers were kind to (cruel to) him.
I prefer cricket to hockey (Cricket is preferable to
hockey).
He invited me to dinner.
He introduced me to his father.
He fastened his horse to a tree with a rope. (tied)
I told him to his face that he was a liar.
- OF:** I accused him of stealing my pen.
I informed him of my plans.
He was dying of fever but the doctor cured him of it.
He was acquitted of the charge. (found not guilty of)
He was convicted of the charge. (found guilty of)
I had a car but I have now disposed of it. (got rid of)
I do not approve of your conduct. (like)
The boys took advantage of the teacher's kindness.
I went in search of my friend.
They made fun of me.
I was not aware of that. (I did not know that)
What was the cause of his failure? (reason for)
He was ashamed of his behaviour.
Aurangzeb's treatment of the Hindus broke up the
Mogul Empire.
His brothers were jealous of his good fortune.
The jug was full of water.
He was proud of his success.

We went on foot and on the way we felt very tired.
I congratulated him on passing his examination.
They are on bad terms with each other.
(on good terms, on friendly terms, on speaking terms)
I took my revenge on him.
He was standing on the verandah.
The examinations start on March 1st.
I set out on my journey on April 1st. (set out on a voyage)
We learn much on the playing field (on the battle field)
They played a trick on me.
He went on a pilgrimage to Mecca.
You should concentrate on your studies.
We were surrounded on all sides.

WITH :

He was charged with theft. (He was charged with stealing a watch)
I am fed up with work.
With one blow of my fist I knocked him senseless.

AT :

He was waiting at the station. (on the platform)
The train stopped at every station.
It was travelling at a speed of 30 mph. (at full speed)
My home is at a distance of 3 miles from the station.
He is good at games.
They laughed at the beggar and threw stones at him.
He fell at the King's feet and begged for mercy.
I sold my car at a large profit. (at a profit of 20%)
Open your books at page 60.
I was surprised at his answer.

FOR :

I have been waiting for ten minutes.
I bought (sold) my watch for Rs 50/-.
I exchanged my watch for a pen.

I set out for Lahore early in the morning.

What was the reason for your absence?

The Housemaster is responsible to the Principal for the discipline in his house.

BY: What is the time by your watch?

I went by train. (by rail, by plane, by air, by road, by car, by bus)

I caught him by the throat. (arm, ear etc.)

He was late by one hour. (He was one hour late)

We should profit by our mistakes.

He was accompanied by his friend.

MISCELLANEOUS: Different from, difference between, to walk along a road, agree to a proposal, agree with anyone, busy with or at, angry about anything, angry with anyone, in this way, disguised as, sorry for anyone, sorry about any thing, score a goal against, anxious about.