

Hello all!

First off, I am delighted to know that within the matter of a week, we can reestablish our learning opportunity online. This will provide us with a platform to engage in learning at a higher level and in a fuller shape. Anyway, for this week I am sending you a worksheet on prepositions. You already know that different languages involve different uses of prepositions and this has posed challenges to language learners. Therefore, practicing prepositions is never enough. Lastly, I would like to introduce a vocabulary building application for cell phones called Word Stacks. Hope it can help you recycle your vocabulary.

Best,



Source:Tinybuddha

# Lots of prepositions

## Part One

Complete the text with the prepositions in the box.

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Charles Babbage was born (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Walworth, London in 1792. Known (2) \_\_\_\_\_ some (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the 'Father (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Computing' for his contributions (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the basic design (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the computer, he died a largely forgotten man, disillusioned (7) \_\_\_\_\_ life. Educated (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Cambridge, Babbage was seriously disappointed (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the mathematical instruction available there and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the end failed to graduate. However, he had tremendous ability and vision, excelling (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a variety (12) \_\_\_\_\_ fields including politics and philosophy. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ Babbage's time, complex calculations were done (14) \_\_\_\_\_ humans called 'computers' who used numerical tables. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Cambridge he saw the high error rate (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the people computing the tables and thus started his life's work in trying to calculate the tables mechanically. He began in 1822 (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the 'Difference Engine', and (18) \_\_\_\_\_ completing it in 1832 he conceived (19) \_\_\_\_\_ an even better idea; a machine that could perform not just one mathematical task, but any kind (20) \_\_\_\_\_ calculation. This was the 'Analytical Engine', which had some (21) \_\_\_\_\_ the characteristics (22) \_\_\_\_\_ today's computers. In spite of receiving much funding (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the project, he did not complete it and this ultimately cost him his reputation. Babbage was an eccentric man, who took pleasure (24) \_\_\_\_\_ counting even the most boring things. Obsessed too (25) \_\_\_\_\_ fire, he once baked himself (26) \_\_\_\_\_ an oven (27) \_\_\_\_\_ 130°C (28) \_\_\_\_\_ four minutes 'without any great discomfort' to 'see what would happen'. Despite his many achievements, the failure to construct his calculating machines, and (29) \_\_\_\_\_ particular the failure (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the government to lend support (31) \_\_\_\_\_ his work, left Babbage (32) \_\_\_\_\_ his declining years a disappointed man (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the recognition (34) \_\_\_\_\_ brilliance that he deserved. He died (35) \_\_\_\_\_ his London home in 1871.

Final Score: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 35

### Answers:

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## Part Two

Without looking at the text, fill in the missing prepositions in these phrases from the text.

verb + preposition	verb + object + preposition	noun + preposition	adjective + preposition	prepositional phrases (beginning with a preposition)
excel _____ conceive _____	lend support _____ take pleasure _____	contributions _____ recognition _____	disillusioned _____ obsessed _____	_____ particular _____ the end (eventually)

Look at the text again. Can you add any other phrases to these categories?