

What are Prepositions of Location and Direction?

Worksheet

Prepositions of location show where things are: sur (on), sous (under), dans (in), devant (in front), derrière (behind). Direction prepositions show movement: vers (toward), à (to), de (from), par (through).

Questions

1. Complete: 'Le café est ____ la gare.' (The cafe is in front of the station.)

- A) sur
- B) devant
- C) dans
- D) sous

2. Which preposition means 'under'?

- A) sur
- B) dans
- C) sous
- D) devant

3. How do you say 'heading toward' in French?

- A) de
- B) vers
- C) à
- D) par

4. What is the difference between 'sur' and 'dans'?

- A) both mean the same
- B) sur=on top, dans=inside
- C) sur=under, dans=on
- D) no difference in meaning

5. Write three sentences using different location prepositions.

6. Describe where the student is heading using a direction preposition.

7. Say 'The cafe is next to the bank' in French.

8. Define: sur

9. Define: sous

10. Define: dans

Answer Key

1. B) devant — Devant = in front of. 'Le café est devant la gare.'
2. C) sous — Sous = under. 'Le chat est sous la table.' (The cat is under the table.)
3. B) vers — Vers = toward (direction). 'Il va vers la maison.' (He is heading toward the house.)
4. B) sur=on top, dans=inside — Sur = on/on top of. Dans = in/inside. 'Le livre est sur la table' (on) vs 'Le livre est dans la table' (inside).
5. 'Le chat est sur la chaise.' (The cat is on the chair.) 'La clé est sous le tapis.' (The key is under the rug.) 'Les livres sont dans la bibliothèque.' (The books are in the library.)
6. 'L'étudiant va vers la gare.' (The student is heading toward the station.) Use 'vers' (toward) to show direction of movement.
7. 'Le café est à côté de la banque.' Use 'à côté de' (next to) to show proximity. Note: 'à côté de' is a compound preposition
8. on top of, on
9. under, underneath
10. in, inside

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