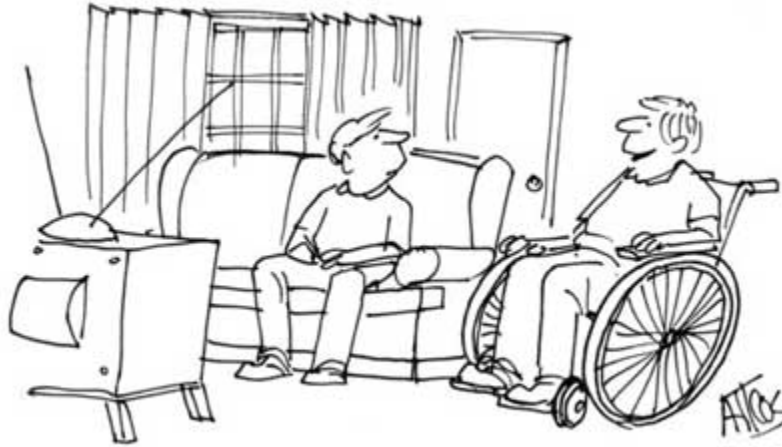


## Learning English



shows	Mexico	me	fast	too
years	understand	asks	school	says

**Directions:** Complete the story about the picture. Use the words in the box.

Arturo and Miguel are brothers. They moved from (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States in 1997. Arturo speaks more English than Miguel because he took English classes for two (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

“Why do you always watch TV shows in English?” asks Miguel. “You know I don’t (3) \_\_\_\_\_ them very well.”

“It helps me improve my English,” says Arturo. “Besides, I like American TV (4) \_\_\_\_\_.”

“I don’t like them,” says Miguel. “I don’t understand what the people are saying. They speak too (5) \_\_\_\_\_.”

“That’s because you didn’t take English classes. I told you to come to class with (6) \_\_\_\_\_,” says Arturo.

“I speak English pretty well. That’s why I’m talking to you in English,” says Miguel. “I don’t need classes.”

“If you speak English so well, why can’t you understand the people on TV?” (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Arturo.

“Because they speak (8) \_\_\_\_\_ fast. I already told you that. Don’t you listen?” says Miguel.

“I heard you. Your English is pretty good, but it would be better if you took classes,” says Arturo. “The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I went to also has job training classes. You should go.”

“I’ll think about it,” (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Miguel.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

## • Reading Comprehension Assessment

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

### By the Water

I live in a house by the water. I sit by the water each day. I take my bag with me. In it, I pack a book and a blanket. I also carry a chair and a basket of food. I walk down my back steps and sit in the same spot along the sand.

When I go out to the water in the morning, I am alone. I hear the water. I see the boats. I feel calm. It is the part of the day I like best.

Later, some children come to play by the water. It is afternoon. I hear them laughing. I see them play ball.

"Nestor, Nestor!" the children yell when they see me on the beach. I wave and smile. "Play ball with us, Nestor!" the children shout.

"No, thanks," I say. "I am too old to play ball. I walk with a cane and my hands are no longer good at catching." I try to read my book, but it is hard with all the noise.

I watch mothers and fathers fish along the shore. I am happy. I hear the water. I see the boats. I eat my lunch.

Later, the sky gets dark. I gather all of my things and go back to the house. I get in bed. I hear the water through my open window. The sound puts me to sleep.



1) Where does the narrator live?

- A. on a farm
- B. on a mountaintop
- C. in a boat on the water
- D. in a house by the water

2) Which of the following things does the narrator bring with him to the water?

- I. food
  - II. a blanket
  - III. a fishing pole
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III

- 3) What do the children do by the water?
- I. fish
  - II. laugh
  - III. play ball
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III
- 4) According to the narrator, when do the children come to the water?
- A. in the morning
  - B. in the afternoon
  - C. in the evening
  - D. at night
- 5) The narrator can best be described as
- A. *reserved*, meaning self-restrained or quiet
  - B. *melancholy*, meaning sad or depressed
  - C. *lonely*, meaning affected by a feeling of being alone
  - D. *venerable*, meaning respected because of age or dignified appearance
- 6) According to the narrator, who fishes?
- A. Nestor
  - B. the children
  - C. mothers and fathers
  - D. all of the above
- 7) Why does the narrator not play with the children?
- I. He is too tired.
  - II. He cannot catch.
  - III. He feels he is too old.
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III
- 8) How do the narrator's feelings change during the passage?
- A. from calm to sleepy to happy
  - B. from sleepy to calm to happy
  - C. from calm to happy to sleepy
  - D. from happy to sleepy to calm
- 9) When does the narrator hear the water?
- A. In the morning
  - B. In the afternoon
  - C. at night
  - D. all of the above

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

1. Jack gave \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) to her the flowers.                      B) the flowers to hers.  
C) her the flowers.                          D) hers the flowers.
2. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ early in summer.  
A) always rises                              B) rises always  
C) is always rising                          D) is rising always
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ at the weekend?  
A) Jane does do                              B) does Jane do  
C) do Jane                                      D) Jane does
4. Who \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) do Mary likes?                              B) Mary likes?  
C) do Mary like?                              D) does Mary like?
5. Bill and Carrie \_\_\_\_\_ the street.  
A) they are at    B) they are in    C) are in                      D) are at
6. What color's your bicycle?  
A) It's the red.                                  B) It's red.  
C) It's a red color.                              D) It's color's red.
7. A) Is the black cat your?                      B) Is the black cat yours?  
C) Is your the black cat?                      D) Is the your black cat?
8. Bill hasn't seen \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) much boats    B) any boat    C) many boats    D) some boats
9. \_\_\_\_\_ the room!  
A) Don't go in                                  B) Don't going to  
C) Not to go in                                  D) Not go into
10. A) Go here to me!                              B) Go to my here!  
C) Come to my here!                              D) Come here to me!
11. Where \_\_\_\_\_ some stamps for this letter?  
A) can I buy    B) I can buy    C) I buy                      D) to buy
12. Ken is as good \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) is Brian.    B) Brian is.    C) as Brian.    D) than Brian.
13. Lynn \_\_\_\_\_ television every evening.  
A) looks at    B) locks at    C) washes at    D) watches at
14. \_\_\_\_\_ good weather.  
A) Every person likes                          B) Every person like  
C) Everybody like                              D) Everybody likes
15. Did you go to Scotland last year?  
A) No, I did never go there.                      B) No, I've never been there.  
C) No, I've never gone here.                      D) No, I never went here.
16. I didn't see the people there. I didn't see \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) him, too.    B) him either.    C) them, too.    D) them either.
17. Pat and Jane are \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
A) clever than    B) clever that    C) as clever as    D) so clever as
18. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A) come often here                              B) come here often  
C) go often here                                  D) go here often
19. Mary is the girl \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) about the television.                          B) of the red hair.  
C) at the kitchen.                                  D) by the window.
20. Do you go to school?  
A) No, I work.                                      B) Yes, I am.  
C) No, I go home.                                  D) No, I cycle.
21. Are my pencils on your desk? No, there \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk.  
A) aren't something                              B) isn't something  
C) aren't anything                                  D) isn't anything
22. Have you got some red shoes? No, but I've got \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) some yellow pair.                              B) some yellows.  
C) some yellow.                                  D) some yellow ones.
23. Whose is that car? It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) theirs                      B) there's                      C) their                      D) there
24. A) What age has she?                              B) How many years has she?  
C) How old is she?                                  D) How old she is?
25. There wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.  
A) some people                                  B) anybody  
C) any people                                      D) no persons
26. 333 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) three hundreds and thirty three.  
B) three hundred and thirty three.  
C) three hundreds thirty and three.  
D) three hundred thirty and three.
27. Carol is the girl \_\_\_\_\_ in her hand.  
A) without anything                              B) without nothing  
C) of anything                                      D) of something
28. What time \_\_\_\_\_ dinner?  
A) has John    B) John has he  
C) does John have                                  D) has John got
29. Bill will come \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) at 9 o'clock this afternoon.                      B) at 9 o'clock this evening.  
C) in this afternoon at 9 o'clock.                      D) in this evening at 9 o'clock.
30. I feel fine because I \_\_\_\_\_ night.  
A) have gone to bed early last                      B) have gone to bed early this  
C) went to bed early last                          D) went to bed early this
31. What is Shirley like? She \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) is like my sister.                              B) likes us.  
C) like my brother.                                  D) is liking ice-cream.
32. Has Colin got a pen? Yes, the teacher has \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) lent one him.                                  B) lent him one.  
C) borrowed one him.                              D) borrowed him one.
33. Carrie is in front of David. Yes, David is \_\_\_\_\_ Carrie.  
A) beside    B) between    C) before                      D) behind
34. Eva is \_\_\_\_\_ my radio.  
A) hearing to    B) hearing on    C) listening to    D) listening on
35. Are the papers in your room? Yes, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
A) put them there                                  B) puts them there  
C) put it there                                      D) puts it there
36. Last year \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada.  
A) went Mary    B) did Mary go    C) Mary went    D) Mary was
37. Mary was going to a wedding so she brushed \_\_\_\_\_ well.  
A) her hair    B) her hairs    C) the hair    D) the hairs
38. Whose are those?  
A) It's of the teacher.                              B) It's theirs.  
C) They're Jill's brother's.                          D) They're our.
39. This evening I'll come \_\_\_\_\_ early.  
A) to home    B) at home    C) in home    D) home
40. Mary likes ice-cream and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) so John too does.                              B) so does John too.  
C) John likes too.                                  D) John too likes.
41. Boris usually \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast at eight o'clock.  
A) has got the    B) has    C) take    D) eats the
42. How is your sister?  
A) She's fine.    B) She's good.    C) She s there.    D) That's her.
43. There's \_\_\_\_\_ those bottles there.  
A) much beer on                                  B) much beers in  
C) a lot of beer in                                  D) a lot of beer on
44. Paula's singing \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon.  
A) at this    B) in this    C) on this    D) this
45. Are you going to the doctor's? No, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) to the police station.                          B) I'm coming there.  
C) usually by bus.                                  D) he's going to me.
46. There are the two boys.  
A) What boy is the clever?                          B) What boy is the clever one?  
C) Which is the clever?                              D) Which boy is the clever one?
47. The sun came \_\_\_\_\_ the windows.  
A) out of    B) into    C) with    D) through
48. When \_\_\_\_\_ her homework?  
A) does Wendy usually do                          B) does Wendy usually  
C) Wendy usually does                              D) usually does Wendy
49. Have you been to the mountains?  
A) does Wendy usually do                          B) does Wendy usually  
C) Wendy usually does                              D) usually does Wendy

## Quiznet

### *Verb + preposition*

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#### Quiz topic: Verb + preposition

1. In Mr Smith's class we often discuss \_\_\_\_\_ really interesting topics, you know - politics, religion, the environment!  
a) about  
b) of  
c) to  
d) --- (no preposition)
  
2. I love listening \_\_\_\_\_ classical music, I find it really relaxing.  
a) about  
b) at  
c) to  
d) --- (no preposition)
  
3. I don't understand what this means - can you explain \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) me this word  
b) this word me  
c) this word to me  
d) this word at me
  
4. She asked \_\_\_\_\_ me to help her with the homework.  
a) --- (no preposition)  
b) to  
c) at  
d) on
  
5. I applied \_\_\_\_\_ 10 jobs last week, but I haven't got one interview!  
a) to  
b) for  
c) at  
d) about
  
6. What did you think \_\_\_\_\_ the film? Did you like it?  
a) about  
b) of  
c) in  
d) all of the above

## BBC Learning English – Quiznet

1. \_\_\_\_\_

### Quiz topic: Computers and the net

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Make sure you \_\_\_\_\_ your computer before you leave the office.

- a) close
- b) shut down
- c) restart
- d) lock up

2. How long are you going to be \_\_\_\_\_ the computer? I need to send an email.

- a) at
- b) in
- c) to
- d) on

3. Oh no! This stupid computer has \_\_\_\_\_ again!

- a) crashed
- b) broken down
- c) had an accident
- d) failed

4. I can spend the whole weekend just \_\_\_\_\_ the net.

- a) sailing
- b) swimming
- c) surfing
- d) windsurfing

5. Now we have broadband, we're \_\_\_\_\_ to the internet 24 hours a day.

- a) joined
- b) linked
- c) connected
- d) attached

6. To open a file, just \_\_\_\_\_ on it with the mouse.

- a) press
- b) cluck
- c) hit
- d) click