

Answers

Year 6

Prepositions Worksheet 1

Section A

Preposition underlined; type shown below.

1. The divers entered the water before sunrise.

Answer: before — time

Why: "Before" links the action to a point in time (sunrise).

2. They swam across the coral reef.

Answer: across — direction

Why: "Across" shows the path of movement over the reef.

3. The submarine hovered beside the shipwreck.

Answer: beside — place

Why: "Beside" shows the submarine's position next to the shipwreck.

4. The dive was cancelled because of the strong current.

Answer: because of — cause

Why: "Because of" gives the reason the dive was cancelled.

5. They swam towards the underwater cave.

Answer: towards — direction

Why: "Towards" shows the direction of movement.

6. The crew rested during the storm.

Answer: during — time

Why: "During" shows the time period in which the resting happened.

Section B

Preposition phrase underlined.

7. The fish darted beneath the surface.

Answer: beneath the surface

Why: The phrase starts with the preposition "beneath" and ends with the noun phrase "the surface".

8. Since dawn, the divers had explored the reef.

Answer: Since dawn

Why: "Since" is followed by the noun "dawn", forming the preposition phrase.

9. They ventured beyond the drop-off.

Answer: beyond the drop-off

Why: "Beyond" is followed by the noun phrase "the drop-off".

10. Due to the rough seas, the trip was postponed.

Answer: Due to the rough seas

Why: "Due to" is followed by the noun phrase "the rough seas".

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Section C

Correct option underlined.

11. The submarine descended _____ the ocean floor.

Answer: **A) towards**

Why: "Towards" correctly shows the direction of the descent.

12. They waited _____ the tide changed.

Answer: **A) until**

Why: "Until" correctly links the waiting to the point when the tide changed.

13. The current pulled the diver _____ the rocks.

Answer: **A) across**

Why: "Across" fits the movement of the diver over the rocks.

14. The expedition was delayed _____ dangerous currents.

Answer: **A) because of**

Why: "Because of" gives the reason for the delay.

Section D

Correct option underlined.

15. "They left before the tide turned." Is before a preposition or a conjunction here?

Answer: **B) conjunction**

Why: "Before" is followed by a clause ("the tide turned", with its own subject and verb), so it acts as a subordinating conjunction.

16. Which of these is a preposition phrase?

Answer: **B) beyond the reef**

Why: It has the preposition "beyond" followed by the noun phrase "the reef".

17. Which word must a preposition phrase end with?

Answer: **B) a noun, pronoun or noun phrase**

Why: A preposition phrase always ends with the noun, pronoun or noun phrase that follows the preposition.



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Section E

Correct option underlined.

18. Which word in this sentence is a preposition? "The divers swam across the vast reef."

Answer: **B) across**

Why: "Across" links the verb "swam" to the noun phrase "the vast reef".

19. Which words form the preposition phrase in this sentence? "The turtles glided beneath the waves."

Answer: **B) beneath the waves**

Why: The phrase begins with the preposition "beneath" and ends with the noun phrase "the waves".

20. Which sentence uses a preposition correctly to show direction?

Answer: **A) They swam towards the wreck.**

Why: "Towards" shows the direction of the swimming; the other options use time or cause prepositions instead.