

**Grammar**

Prepositions give non-native speakers more difficulty than any part of speech. Native speakers use them effortlessly, while non-native speakers struggle to figure out when to use which preposition. Here are some examples.

Most prepositions have no exact equivalents in other languages. Say these sentences in your language.

Do you notice a preposition?

*Throw it in the trash.*

*Let's go to your brother's house.*

*It's on the left.*

*The celebration starts at midnight.*

Many prepositions can also serve as adverbs. *EX: She walked down the hill. He put the book down.*

Many prepositions have more than one meaning. Look at these examples;

Means

*later than*

*We rested after lunch.*

*in pursuit of*

*The cat is after the mouse.*

*continuously*

*We worked night after night.*

In some sentences you can use more than one preposition without changing the meaning.

*EX: She is disappointed in her new job. She is disappointed with her new job.*

Prepositions are used in expressions where their meaning is entirely different than when used alone. *EX:*

*It's about time. They are never on time. She got here in time to see her son perform.*

Many phrasal verbs include prepositions:

Means

*arrange*

*Make up your bed.*

*paint*

*Make up your face.*

*decide*

*Make up your mind.*

*invent*

*Make up a story.*

*write down*

*Make up a list of the things you need from the grocery.*

*equalize*

*I'll make up the difference.*

*do overdue work*

*I'll make up the work I missed while I was sick.*

*compensate*

*I can't make up for lost time.*

*reestablish a relationship*

*He will make up with his girlfriend if she comes.*

**Vocabulary**

In the first paragraph of this lesson, you read the word "effortlessly". Something that is effortless requires little effort. In other words, it is easy. If you can do something effortlessly, it is easy for you. *EX: I asked Jane to program my computer because it is effortless for her.* Here are some other words which end in the suffix "less". You can predict their meanings. Fill in the sentences below with one of the "less" words from the table.

ageless	colorless	hopeless	helpless
flawless	homeless	restless	careless
priceless	tasteless	tireless	topless

1. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ beauty was so striking that people stopped to stare as she passed them on the street.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Ming Dynasty vase was put up for auction.
3. At some European beaches, the women sunbathe \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If he hadn't been so \_\_\_\_\_, the accident would not have happened.
5. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ night worrying if Mother would make her plane connection in Atlanta.
6. The director made a \_\_\_\_\_ remark about women who work.
7. The accident left him paralyzed and totally \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The decorator favors a palette of black and white, but I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ rooms.
9. The beauty of Greek sculpture is \_\_\_\_\_. It never goes out of style.
10. Trying to feed a family of four on my salary is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. All of the \_\_\_\_\_ people on the street need a warm place to stay and a hot meal.
12. Dr. Jones is \_\_\_\_\_ in his efforts to help the poor.

### **Writing**

Write three sentences using a different meaning of the phrasal verb "make up". Do not copy the sentences in this lesson. Read your sentences to the group.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write one sentence that uses the words "homeless" and "tireless". Read your sentence to the group.

- 4.

### **Discuss**

If your group is big, divide into small groups so that everyone gets a chance to talk.

What is your opinion about "topless beaches". Would you ever go? Do you think they should be banned? Would they be allowed in your country?

What are some things that you simply should not wear in your country?

Has your style of dress changed since you came to the U.S.?

What style do you see in the U.S. that you feel is shocking?

Many older Americans complain that young people are not modest enough in their dress. Do you agree? Do you think older people in your country might make the same complaint?