PREPOSITIONS AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

1. Complete these sentences with correct repositions. There may be more than one correct answer.
2. Mr. Patel lives in Ahmadabad with his family.
3. Mr. Shah works with/at/in a firm of/with accountants.
4. They always take a holiday at/on the coast.
5. Lack of money is a problem for many people.
6. He has written an article on agriculture in India.
7. This is the shirt I brought from/at Chawla’s shop.
8. The man with the umbrella is a friend of my father.
9. Put that book on top of the others.
10. Michael sailed on/along/across the lake in/on a small boat.
11. What is the difference between a mule and a horse?
12. Complete these sentences by choosing the correct prepositional phrases from the box.

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1. At first Mohan made a fuss and refused to stand for the school union elections, but in the end he agreed.
2. We met by chance. The meeting was wholly accidental and by no means pre-planned.
3. Your idea sounds alright in theory, but I’m not sure it will work in practice.
4. “What brings you here? Are you here on business or on holiday?”

“Neither business nor holiday. I’m here in my official capacity as the Collector of the district. I’m on duty.

1. I’m sorry, I don’t know those people. Some of them I recognize by sight, but I don’t know any of them by name.
2. Circle the correct Prepositional phrases to complete these sentences.
3. With white polka dots.
4. On the trees
5. Between the brick buildings
6. Before the monsoons
7. On both teams
8. After Lunch
9. At the front door
10. With the yellow sticker
11. Replace the underlined parts in the sentences with appropriate prepositional phrases from the box. Take care not to change the meaning of the sentences.
12. Unemployed- Out of employment
13. No longer in danger- out of danger
14. Unmanageable- Out of control
15. Not in working order- Out of order
16. No longer printed- out of stock/ out of print
17. Read the story and underline all the prepositional phrases in it.

Mr. Joseph came home from work one night feeling tired. He took off his coat and put it on a chair, then sat down on a chair in the courtyard so he could relax. His wife was away at a friend’s place. His children were playing close to him, so he did not get the rest he wanted.

After half an hour, he gave up and went into the house. He took a packet of tea from the kitchen cupboard to make some tea.

He put the water on the cooker to boil and then went back to the courtyard where he played with his children for an hour or so. He completely forgot about the water in the kitchen. When his wife returned she found that the saucepan had melted in the heat and the molten metal had run all over the cooker!