

Commonly Confused Prepositions

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.

1. There were ten students in the class.

under

below

Either could be used here

2. Parts of the country are sea level.

below

under

Either could be used here

3. The climbers stopped a few hundred meters the top of the mountain.

below

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under

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4. Who is that child sitting your mother?

beside

besides

Either could be used here

5. He can play all the musical instruments the violin.

except

beside

besides

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6. He has a number of criminals his friends.

between

among

in

7. The office was closed the whole of May.

during

in

since

8. I met him my stay in Germany.

during

in

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Either could be used here

9. I stayed in bed all day going to work.

instead

instead of

Either could be used here

10. We arrived to get good seats.

in time

on time

at time

11. The trains are never

in time

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on time

at time

12. The movie is quite exciting

at the end

in the end

on the end

Answers

1. There were under ten students in the class.
2. Parts of the country are below sea level.
3. The climbers stopped a few hundred meters below the top of the mountain.
4. Who is that child sitting beside your mother?
5. He can play all the musical instruments except the violin.
6. He has a number of criminals among his friends.
7. The office was closed during the whole of May.
8. I met him during my stay in Germany.
9. I stayed in bed all day instead of going to work.
10. We arrived in time to get good seats.
11. The trains are never on time.
12. The movie is quite exciting at the end.