

Prepositions

Die Kleinen machen immer die größten Schwierigkeiten. So ist das auch in der englischen Sprache. Die richtige Präposition zu finden ist manchmal ganz schön knifflig. Da ihre Verwendung häufig jeglicher Logik entbehrt, hilft zum Lernen nur eines: Üben, üben und immer wieder üben.

Tragen Sie die richtige Präposition ein:

1. Sorry, but our rep is _____ a business trip abroad.
2. Visitors have to register _____ the reception desk.
3. I'll be staying in the office _____ 5 o'clock.
4. Please finish this letter _____ 5 o'clock.
5. I was born _____ the 23rd March.
6. Our company was founded _____ 1983.
7. My boss called me _____ the middle _____ the night.
8. I usually check the incoming mail _____ the morning.
9. My colleague is _____ lunch _____ the moment.
10. You can see the founder of our company _____ this picture.
11. I usually don't work _____ night.
12. I guess the goods will arrive _____ the next two hours.
13. Please confirm our order _____ fax.
14. We refer to your enquiry _____ 21 January.
15. This offer is valid _____ the end of next week.
16. Please note that the goods must be delivered _____ July 4.
17. We need the equipment for the trade fair next week. Therefore we expect delivery _____
Friday.
18. We are sorry to hear that some of the goods delivered are damaged. Please keep them in your
warehouse _____ Tuesday.

Lösung:

- 1) Sorry, but our rep is **on** a business trip abroad.
- 2) Visitors have to register **at** the reception desk.
- 3) I'll be staying in the office **till/until** 5 o'clock.

"bis" im Sinne von 'vom jetzigen Zeitpunkt an bis dann und dann' heißt "till" oder "until"

- 4) Please finish this letter **by** 5 o'clock.

"bis" im Sinne von Fristsetzung (setting a deadline) heißt „by“. Selbst Leute mit sehr guten Englischkenntnissen haben damit oft Probleme.

- 5) I was born **on** the 23rd March. *(beim Datum immer "on")*
- 6) Our company was founded **in** 1983.

(Bei reinen Jahresangaben immer "in", I was born in 1994)

- 7) My boss called me **in** the middle **of** the night.
- 8) I usually check the incoming mail **in** the morning.
- 9) My colleague is **at** lunch **at** the moment.
- 10) You can see the founder of our company **in** this picture.

"on" wäre hier falsch, es würde "oben auf dem Bild" bedeuten

- 11) I usually don't work **at** night.
- 12) I guess the goods will arrive **within** the next two hours.
- 13) Please confirm our order **by** fax. *(auf keinen Fall "with" oder "per")*
- 14) We refer to your enquiry **of / dated** 21 January. *(auf keinen Fall "from")*
- 15) This offer is valid **until** the end of next week.
- 16) Please note that the goods must be delivered **by** July 4.
- 17) We need the equipment for the trade fair next week. Therefore we expect delivery **by** Friday.
- 18) We are sorry to hear that some of the goods delivered are damaged. Please keep them in your warehouse **until** Tuesday.