



Unit 65 – Prepositions of Movement (*I drove along the road.. It was between the tables..*)

A) **Between** can be used in the following ways:

- 1) as a preposition (followed by a noun): E.g.: 'It's about four hours **between** New York and Boston.'
 - 2) as an adverb (without a following noun): E.g.: 'We studied for two hours with a short break **between**.'
- i) 'with someone/something on each side or end' – Claire stood smiling **between** her parents for the picture.
– Leeds is about halfway **between** London and Edinburgh.
 - ii) 'connecting two places' – Trains running **between** Ottawa and Montreal were delayed due to the snow.
 - iii) 'a period after one event and before the next' – The school will be closed **between** Christmas and New Year.
– Try to avoid snacks **between** meals to help lose weight.
 - iv) 'within a range of numbers, amounts, ages, etc.' – Choose a number **between** 1 and 10 and we'll get started.
– The bag weighed **between** 20 and 25 kilograms.
 - v) 'to show disagreement among different groups' – There was an argument **between** Amy and Michael today.
 - vi) 'used to show that two things are connected' – Researchers have shown a link **between** gaming and test scores.
 - vii) 'used to indicate choice between two options' – Scott had to choose **between** living in London or Paris.

B) Nouns and verbs followed by **between** – used to refer to comparisons and relationships:

- > Scientists have established a connection **between** cholesterol levels and heart disease.
- > Children have to learn the difference **between** right and wrong.
- > There is a direct correlation **between** exposure to sun and skin cancer.

Also: **association, comparison, contrast, distinction, distinguish, link, relationship**

C) **Among** is used to indicate that something or someone is included in a larger group of things or people:

- > Alternative medicines are now gaining greater acceptance **among** doctors.
- i) 'to refer to a statistic within a group of people' – The suicide rate **among** teens in Korea is alarmingly high.
 - ii) 'in a place surrounded by people or things' – Their mansion was hidden **among** trees in the mountains.

Note: -> Both **between** and **among** can also be used to refer to something *divided* or *shared among people*:

- > On the last day of the term, Ms. Smith shared pizza **between/among** the students in the class.
- > Her money was divided **between/among** her son and her daughter.

D) 'Among others' and 'among other things' – These phrases mean essentially 'as well as':

- > Her teacher, *among others*, was worried about Jane suddenly missing classes.
- > *Among other things*, I still have to order food for the party and decorate.
- > His travels took him Rome and Athens, *among other places*.

Note: -> **Amongst** can be used instead of **among**, however, it is normally used in a formal/academic context:

- > Tim's math grade is **amongst** the top 10% of students in the entire school.
- > There are signs of growing discontent **amongst** voters.

E) **Along** can be used as both:

- 1) a preposition (followed by a noun): We saw several expensive boats **along** the bank of the river.
The houses **along** this street are beautifully decorated for Christmas.
- 2) as an adverb (following a verb): Can I bring **along** the kids to the party?
-> We drove **along** the southern coast of Hawaii and it was absolutely gorgeous!
-> Eventually a taxi came **along**, and we were on our way home.

F) **Alongside** – As a preposition, alongside indicates 'close beside/next to' or 'together with' (often something long)

- > The trees **alongside** this road are centuries old. Park your bike **alongside** mine. (close beside)

We also use alongside as an adverb, meaning 'movement along the side of' or an action next to something:

- > The children lined up **alongside** the teacher. I stopped my car and he pulled up **alongside** me.
- > It's a pleasure to work **alongside** such terrific volunteers.



Unit 65 – Exercises:

65.1 – Look at the pictures for reference and then complete the sentences with **between** or **among**. (65-A/C)



The coach stood _____ his players on the field. The mic is _____ the two singers on stage. Diane is standing _____ her family in the picture. Grapes are scattered _____ the fruit in the basket. He is trying to choose _____ two pairs of pants.

65.2 – Complete the following sentences with either **between** or **among**. (65-A/C)

- Ms. Johnson distributed the tests _____ the students and asked them to put their phones away.
- Reducing the national retirement age to 55 would cost _____ \$11 billion and \$20 billion a year.
- The thief was last seen _____ a crowd outside a bank before slipping away.
- The racoon hid _____ the bushes until it was safe to come out again.
- The sofa is positioned _____ two end tables in the living room.
- Bobby finished _____ the top 10 percent of his class in terms of overall GPA.
- Ants live _____ each other in complex societies underground.
- Leyla sat _____ her two older sisters at the school concert.
- Frozen* was _____ the movies that I watched on my day off today.
- In most countries, the law distinguishes _____ accidental and intentional killing.
- The school principal mediated a dispute _____ two boys at school.
- Mom held the needle carefully _____ her finger and thumb as she repaired my shirt.

65.3 – Fill in the blanks with the more appropriate word in brackets. (65-B)

- There is a _____ between family background and academic achievement. (connection / comparison)
- The twins looked exactly alike! I couldn't make a _____ between them. (distinction / relationship)
- There is a significant _____ between Eastern and Western culture. (link / contrast)
- The story focuses on the _____ between the two sisters and their family. (relationship / contrast)
- There is evidence of an _____ between headaches and computer use. (gap / association)
- Can you tell the _____ between a sparkling wine and champagne? (association / difference)

65.4 – Determine if **along** or **alongside** is used correctly in each sentence. If not, offer a correction. (65-E/F)

- I met Jane today and she invited me ~~alongside~~ with her and her friends to a movie. **(x) -> along**
- We were driving alongside the road when a deer suddenly jumped out in front of us! _____
- I sat alongside my manager at the meeting this afternoon. _____
- Lucy is a terrific colleague! I have worked along her for many years. _____
- The books for part-time students were made alongside those for full-time students. _____
- I was out for my walk this evening and a stray dog tagged alongside with me. _____

65.5 – Complete the sentences with your own ideas following **among other things**. (65-D)

- He moved to New York in 2015 where, among other things, he _____.
- At the meeting we discussed, among other things, _____.
- It was noticeable, among other things at the party, that she _____.