Will
Hello and welcome to today’s Grammar Gameshow! I’m your host, Will! And Will, I am! And of course, let’s not forget Leslie, our all-knowing voice in the sky.

Leslie
Hello, everyone!

Will
Tonight we’re going to ask you three questions about…

Leslie
Prepositions. Those little but oh-so-important words for talking about movement, place and time!

Will
OK! Now, let’s meet our contestants!

Sully
Hello, all. My name’s Sully.

Will
And contestant number two?

Liz
It’s nice to meet you. I’m Liz.

Will
Welcome to the Grammar Gameshow both of you. Enjoy the experience… it could be your last.

Sully and Liz
Pardon?

Will
I said, let’s get going fast! And there’s nothing suspicious about that! Our first round is a
quick-fire round. Prepositions are often used to connect sentences with a time word. I’m going to tell you a time word, and I want to know the preposition. Here goes! Four o’clock.

**Liz**
At four o’clock.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
2016.

**Sully**
In 2016.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
Friday.

**Liz**
On Friday.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
Night.

**Sully**
At night.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
Morning.

**Liz**
In the morning.

**Leslie**
Correct!
Will
Christmas.

Sully
At Christmas.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Leslie?

Leslie
Excellent work! There are three basic prepositions of time. ‘At’ is used for times of the day, for example, at four a.m. ‘On’ is used for days such as ‘on Sunday’, or ‘on Christmas day’. ‘In’ is used for periods, such as months, years and seasons. But be careful, some times are irregular, such as ‘at night’.

Will
There’s nothing irregular about what you do at night, Leslie. We’ve all occasionally cried in a ball on the floor… every night, right Sully?

Sully
What are you trying to say?

Will
Nothing! You just look like the type.

Sully
What?

Will
I said, make sure your answers are right! And there’s nothing suspicious about that. Liz has six points, but you only have three! On to round two, and this round is a picture round. Look at the picture and tell me where each person is. One point for every correct preposition.

Sully
He’s in the pool.

Leslie
Correct!
Liz
But he’s also at the pool.

Leslie
Also correct!

Liz
His finger’s in his nose.

Leslie
Correct!

Sully
They’re walking on the bridge.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Leslie?

Leslie
Good! Prepositions are used to describe the positions of things to other things. Words like ‘in’, ‘on’, ‘at’, ‘over’ and ‘between’, among others, tell us where things are or where they are moving to. Unfortunately, English has a lot of prepositions which need to be learned. So study hard!

Will
Well done Liz. You did best there so you can have another four-and-a-half points. How are you doing?

Liz
To be honest, I’m just really thrilled to be here. I never thought I’d get to go onto a quiz programme!

Will
Nor did we! Especially with that face!

Liz
What?

Will
I said, no more prepositions of place! And there’s nothing suspicious about that. On to our third round. Another group of prepositions is called ‘dependent prepositions’. They are the
ones which must follow a verb, noun or adjective to connect them to a sentence. Listen to these sentences and tell me why each one is wrong. She’s always been good to speaking in public.

**Liz**
At. Good at speaking in public.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
I take a lot of pride to working hard.

**Sully**
In. Pride in working hard.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
You should never rely for other people.

**Liz**
On. Rely on people.

**Leslie**
Correct!

**Will**
Leslie?

**Leslie**
Good job! Dependent prepositions are the prepositions which follow a noun, verb or adjective in order to connect it to a sentence. ‘Good at’, ‘pride in’, ‘rely on’. Be careful though, some words can have more than one preposition, and the choice may determine the meaning.

**Will**
And that brings us to the end of today’s Grammar Gameshow. Let’s count out the points… and the winner is… Liz with points! Well done! Here’s what you’ve won!

**Leslie**
It’s a thumbs up!
**Will**
We'll see you again next week, where you can play for another prize. And Sully, you managed to answer quite a few questions, which surprised me because when I first saw you, I thought you were incredibly stupid!

**Sully**
What?

**Will**
I said I thought you were incredibly stupid!

**Sully**
Oh! Good! That's what I thought you said.

**Will**
Bye-bye. Release the octopi! It looks like we'll need another contestant. Thanks for joining us. Say goodbye Leslie.

**Leslie**
Au revoir, Leslie!

**Will**
See you next time.