

## Preposition 4

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. In some cases there is more than one possible correct answer.

### Princess

Once **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ a time in a far off land there lived a beautiful young princess. She lived in an old castle on the top of a hill, **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ her mother and father. The castle was a magical place; it was very big with lots of rooms for her to play in. At night she slept on a bed of silver feathers covered with a blanket made **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ thistle down. She ate the finest food served by maids served on golden plates and she wanted **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ nothing. During the day she spent hours reading books in her library or riding on her pet unicorn in the magic forest. In the evenings she lay on the grass **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ the trees and looked up at the stars **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ the branches. If it was raining she sometimes had a picnic **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ candlelight **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ the old castle dungeon which she had decorated with colourful bunting and fairy lights. By the time she was 20 though, she had started to get bored with the castle and longed for something exciting to happen, sometimes she lay **9)** \_\_\_\_\_ the giant oak tree and dreamed of finding a handsome prince to marry. On warm days she went down to the stream to look for fairies or to chat to the rabbits, she often took off her silver slippers and paddled in the cool stream. She threaded flowers **10)** \_\_\_\_\_ her hair, climbed to the top of tall trees to try to see what lay **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ the castle. **12)** \_\_\_\_\_ the day she ate wild blackberries and drank nectar from the flowers. One day she ventured further **13)** \_\_\_\_\_ the forest than usual and as she turned **14)** \_\_\_\_\_ the path she saw a shimmering pond in front of her. In the pond there were beautiful pink water lilies with dragonflies fluttering **15)** \_\_\_\_\_ them and sitting on one of the lily pads was a frog staring **16)** \_\_\_\_\_ at her. Laughing to herself, she wondered what would happen if she kissed the frog; would it turn **17)** \_\_\_\_\_ a handsome prince? She bent **18)** \_\_\_\_\_ and held her hand out and the frog hopped on to it. She gently lifted it **19)** \_\_\_\_\_, closed her eyes and planted a kiss on the top of its head. When she opened her eyes there in front of her stood a handsome prince and she realised that you don't always have to kiss a lot **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ frogs to find your prince!