

Preposition 6

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

Grandfather

Yesterday I had to look 1) _____ my elderly grandfather for the day as the rest of my family were too busy. He has recently come out of hospital where he had an operation on his leg and he is staying at our house for a few weeks to convalesce. At the moment he is confined to the bedroom and he gets fed up with being cooped up 2) _____ all the time and I know he is hoping to get back 3) _____ his allotment 4) _____ too long. My first task was to make him some breakfast and take it up to him on a tray, being careful not to spill anything on the way 5) _____ the stairs. He seemed to enjoy the boiled egg and orange juice that I prepared 6) _____ him. At 10.00 am there was a knock on the door, it was the nurse calling to check up on him, she calls 7) _____ most days. When she had left I got a flask 8) _____ of the cupboard and filled it with coffee, I took it upstairs and put it on grandfathers bedside table. "There you are," I said to him, "you can get yourself a cup of coffee whenever you want." He seemed pleased, but when he reached over to get the flask he knocked his walking stick, which was propped up 9) _____ the bedside table, 10) _____ the floor and it rolled 11) _____ the bed. He told me to leave it there as he thought he should try to manage 12) _____ it although he said he is worried 13) _____ falling over. I glanced out of the window and saw Arthur, grandfather's friend, getting 14) _____ of a car. I went to the door to let him in, he said he had come to sit 15) _____ my grandfather for a while. He had brought him a gardening magazine, a big box of chocolates and a bright green cardigan with a zip 16) _____ the front; this will be useful as he has difficulty raising his arms to get a jumper 17) _____ his head. 18) _____ Arthur had left I went to help grandfather get back 19) _____ bed, the room seemed stuffy so I opened the window to let some fresh air into the room, grandfather's chair was in a patch of sunlight and when I looked over at him I saw that he had fallen asleep 20) _____ a smile on his face.