

# Preposition Error Smasher #1

① How much do you already know? Fill in the spaces.

.... the morning  
 .... the afternoon  
 .... the evening  
 .... night

go .... the USA  
 go .... abroad  
 go .... home  
 get .... work

I went .... 6:00.  
 I went .... last night.  
 I went .... a walk.  
 get .... home

② Read the table below. Find one person for each space. Talk to everyone in the class.

## FIND SOMEONE WHO

Takes a shower in the morning	
Sometimes surfs the Internet at night	
Went to a restaurant last week	
Went shopping last weekend	
Was born in June	
Went abroad last year	
Went on a business trip last month	
Usually gets to work before 9 a.m.	
Usually gets home after 9 p.m.	

# Preposition Error Smasher #1 : Teacher's Notes

<b>Target Structure:</b>	Prepositions of time and movement
<b>Vocabulary:</b>	Business / General
<b>Level:</b>	Elementary
<b>Time:</b>	30 minutes
<b>Preparation:</b>	None

## Suggested Teaching Method.

This handout reviews some of the most common basic preposition errors. It has controlled practice at the beginning, followed by a group communication exercise.

- 1 Give one handout to each student. Tell them to cover the second exercise, so they can't cheat! Direct students to fill in the first exercise to the best of their knowledge.

Students should then check in pairs. Finally, go through the answers with the entire class.

- 2 Students should read the table. Check for unknown vocabulary.  
Elicit / model the first question.  
Students should speak to as many people as possible. When a student answers in the affirmative, the other student should write the name in the table.

The teacher should monitor the conversations, making a note of any relevant preposition errors. After the exercise has finished, write some of the errors on the board, and elicit correction. It's not necessary to point out who made the mistakes – you don't want to add pressure to students who find this kind of exercise difficult.

## Answer Key (Other answers may be possible)

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| 1 | in the morning<br>in the afternoon<br>in the evening<br>at night | go to the USA<br>go abroad<br>go home<br>get to work | I went at 6:00.<br>I went last night.<br>I went for a walk.<br>get home |
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## Additional ideas

This worksheet can also be used for Past Simple / Present Simple question practice.

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