

Lesson 44:

Prepositions

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kabla ya	[before]
baada ya	[after]
nje ya	[outside of]
ndani ya	[inside; in]
juu ya	[on top of; about]
chini ya	[under; below]
baina ya	[between]
kati ya	[between; in the middle of; among]
mbele ya	[in front of]
nyuma ya	[behind]
karibu na	[near; close]
mbali na	[far from; far]
kando ya	[beside; along]
mpaka; hadi	[until; 'til]
kisha	[then; and then]
tangu; toka	[from; since]
katika	[in; inside; on]
miongoni mwa	[among]
toka; kutoka	[from]
katikati ya	[in between]
usoni pa	[in the face of; in front of]
ukingoni mwa	[at the edge / bank of]
mvunguni mwa	[under; beneath]
pembeni mwa	[in the corner of]
ubavuni pa	[at the side of; beside]
machoni pa	[in front of/ near]
kisogoni pa	[behind, at the back]

Sentence Formation

Mifano:

1. kabla ya [before]

- a). Nitaenda maktabani kabla ya kuenda mkahawani.
[I will go to the library before going to the restaurant.]
- b). Kabla ya kuimba nitakunywa chai.
[Before singing, I will drink tea.]

2. baada ya [after]

- a). Baada ya darasa nitasoma.
[After class I will study.]
- b). Mimi hustarehe baada ya kusafiri.
[I rest after traveling.]

3. nje ya [outside of]

- a). Niko nje ya nyumba.
[I am outside of the house.]
- b). Ninapenda kula nje ya mkahawa.
[I like to eat outside of the restaurant.]

4. ndani ya [inside; in]

- a). Chakula kiko ndani ya friji.
[Food is in the fridge.]
- b). Mimi huandika sana ndani ya darasa la Kiswahili.
[I write a lot in Swahili class.]

5. juu ya [on top of; about]

- a). Unasema juu ya nini?
[What are you talking about?]
- b). Miti ilianguka juu ya nyumba.
[Trees fell on the houses.]

6. chini ya [under; below]

- a). Viatu vyangu viko chini ya koti langu.
[My shoes are under my coat.]
- b). Ninapenda kulala chini ya miti.
[I like to sleep under the trees.]

7. baina ya [between; in between]

- a). Ninasoma kitabu baina ya Jake na Bill.
[I am reading a book between Jake and Bill.]
- b). Baina ya madarasa mimi husoma sana.
[In between classes I study a lot.]

8. kati ya [between; in the middle of; among]

- a). Peter anakaa kati ya Mike na John.
[Peter is sitting between Mike and John.]
- b). Mimi hukunywa bia kati ya Ijumaa na Jumapili.
[I drink beer between Friday and Sunday.]

9. mbele ya [in front of]

- a). Mwalimu ako mbele ya wanafunzi.
[The teacher is in front of the students.]
- b). Vitabu vipo mbele ya dirisha.
[The books are in front of the window.]

10. nyuma ya [behind]

- a). Ua uko nyuma ya nyumba.
[The yard is behind the house.]
- b). Paka analala nyuma ya kochi.
[The cat is sleeping behind the couch.]

11. karibu na [near; close]

- a). Ninaishi karibu na McDonald's.
[I live near McDonald's.]
- b). Nitakula karibu na rafiki zangu.
[I will eat near my friends.]

12. mbali na [far from; far]

- a). Nitasafiri mbali na Amerika.
[I will travel far from America.]
- b). Nyumba yako iko mbali na pwani.
[Your house is far from the coast.]

13. kando ya [beside; along]

- a). Samantha alilala kando ya mbwa.
[Samantha slept beside the dog.]
- b). Mti uko kando ya ziwa.
[The tree is along the lake.]

14. mpaka; hadi [until; til]

- a). Nitasoma kutoka saa nne hadi saa tano asubuhi.
[I will study from 10am until 11am.]
- b). Nilikimbia tangu saa nane hadi saa tisa mchana nilikimbia.
[I ran from 2pm until 3pm.]

15. kisha [then; and then]

- a). Ninaenda sokoni kisha nitarudi nyumbani.
[I am going to the market and then I will return home.]
- b). Nilikimbia kisha nilioga bafuni.
[I ran and then I showered.]

16. tangu; toka [from; since]

- a). Nilisoma Kiswahili tangu saa mbili hadi saa tano asubuhi.
[I studied Kiswahili from 8am until 11am.]
- b). Yeye atakaa hotelini toka Jumanne mpaka Ijumaa.
[He will stay at the hotel from Tuesday until Friday.]

17. katika [in; inside; on]

- a). Tunazungumza katika Kiswahili.
[We are speaking in Kiswahili.]
- b). Ninakaa katika nyumba hii.
[I live in this house.]

18. miongoni mwa [among]

- a). Anakaa miongoni mwa watoto wengi.
[He/She is sitting among many children.]
- b). Mtoto anaimba minogoni mwa wazee.
[The child is singing among the elders.]

19. toka; kutoka [from]

- a). Yeye anatoka Kenya.
[He comes from Kenya.]
- b). Alichukua peremende kutoka kwa mtoto.
[He took the candy from the child.]

20. katikati ya [in between]

- a). Ninaishi katikati ya Lawrence na Wichita.
[I live in between Lawrence and Wichita.]
- b). Kuna watoto katikati ya wazee.
[There are children in between the elderly people.]

21. usoni pa [in the face of; in front of]

- a). Anaishi usoni pa duka.
[He/She lives in front the store.]
- b). Amesimama usoni pa baba.
[He/She is standing in front of the father.]

22. ukingoni mwa [at the edge / bank of]

- a). Kuna wavuvi ukingoni mwa ziwa.
[There are fishermen at the edge / bank of the lake.]
- b). Tunaishi ukingoni mwa mto.
[We live at the edge / bank of the river.]

23. mvunguni mwa [under; beneath]

- a). Kuna chakula mvunguni mwa kitanda.
[There is food under the bed.]
- b). Kuna kitabu mvunguni mwa kitanda.
[There is a book under the bed.]

24. pembeni mwa [in the corner of]

- a).** Ameweka vitabu pembeni mwa darasa.
[She put books in the corner of the class.]
- b).** Anakaa pembeni mwa darasa.
[He/She is sitting in the corner of the class.]

25. ubavuni pa [at the side of; beside]

- a).** Mtoto amekaa ubavuni pa mama.
[The child is sitting at the mother's side.]
- b).** Nilikaa ubavuni pa Padre kanisani.
[I sat at the side of / beside the priest at church.]

26. machoni pa [in front of/ near]

- a).** Mwalimu anasimama machoni pa wanafunzi.
[The teacher is standing in front of the students.]
- b).** Televisheni iko machoni pa sebule.
[The television is in the front of the sitting / living room.]

27. kisogoni pa [behind, at the back]

- a).** Wanafunzi wanaishi kisogoni pa duka.
[The students live behind the store.]
- b).** Nimeweka gari langu kisogoni pa nyumba.
[I have put my car behind / at the back of the house.]