

## SECTION 2

### USAGE CONNECTED WITH PREPOSITIONS

I. The following are frequently confused. WATCH THEM!

**in - into:** Use **into** when there is motion from one place or condition to another. Use **in** when speaking of **being** or **remaining**.

Examples:

He came rushing *into* the house to tell his news.

The cat walked *into* the room with much dignity and deliberately *curled up in* the most comfortable chair.

**between - among:** Use **between** when you are speaking of **two**, and use **among** when you are speaking of **three or more**. However, **between** is correctly used to refer to more than two if you think of only two at a time.

Examples:

She divided the candy *between* the two children.

A heated argument arose *among* the members of the class.

Can you explain the difference *between* plane geometry and solid geometry and trigonometry?

**beside - besides:** Use **beside** when you mean **by the side of**; use **besides** when you mean **in addition to**.

Examples:

We camped *beside* a rushing mountain stream.

We had little equipment *besides* the few articles we had hastily packed at the last minute.

**from - with:** We part **from** people, but we part **with** things. To "part from" means to "leave," and to "part with" means to "give up."

Examples:

Parting *from* her friends made her melancholy.

She parted *with* her most treasured possessions to get the necessary money.

II. The following expressions NEED ATTENTION. In numbers 5 through 11 the point is that superfluous words should be omitted. Watch the last two with special care.

#### RIGHT

1. He was not at home.
2. Your answer is different from mine.
3. I borrowed the pencil from John.
4. I waited for Mary ten minutes.
5. There was an orchard back of the house, or  
There was an orchard behind the house.
6. He sang off key.
7. It fell off the table.
8. The story ends with the death of the hero.
9. We met a cousin of yours in the West last  
summer.
10. Where does he live?
11. Where are you going?

#### WRONG

- He was not to home.  
Your answer is different than mine.  
I borrowed the pencil off of John.  
I waited on Mary ten minutes.  
There was an orchard in back of the house.  
He sang off of the key.  
It fell off of the table.  
The story ends up with the death of the hero.  
We met up with a cousin of yours in the West  
last summer.  
Where does he live at?  
Where are going to?