

III. The preposition of **MUST NOT BE WRITTEN** when you need the **VERB have**; the word some people say which sounds like of is really 'ave, formed by dropping the letter h.

RIGHT

I could have come sooner if I had known.
I must have dropped it in the hall.

WRONG

I could of come sooner if I had known.
I must of dropped it in the hall.

PRACTICE:

Place the correct forms in the blanks at the left.

- _____ 1. The puppy ran (into, in) the house
- _____ 2. Her solution of the problem was different (than, from) mine.
- _____ 3. The property was divided (between, among) the two sons.
- _____ 4. The boys held their meeting over (to, at) Jack's house.
- _____ 5. I was late because I had to wait (on, for) a freight train that was switching.
- _____ 6. I believe I must (of, have) fallen asleep.
- _____ 7. He parked his car (behind, in back of) the office building.
- _____ 8. That hat looks different (from, than) the one you wore this morning.
- _____ 9. He has written a number of essays and poems (beside, besides) his three novels.
- _____ 10. The hardest part about her decision to become a missionary was the thought that she must part (with, from) all her friends.
- _____ 11. The disagreement led to a quarrel (between, among) the three children.
- _____ 12. This photograph looks different (than, from) the one I saw before.
- _____ 13. Please keep your feet (off, off of) the chairs.
- _____ 14. John became so much attached to his old hunting jacket that he hated to part (with, from) it when he was given a new one.
- _____ 15. The sun is too warm; we should go (in, into) the house.
- _____ 16. Jim was hiding from us (in back of, behind) the hedge.
- _____ 17. There is keen rivalry (between, among) the schools of the district in athletic contests.
- _____ 18. The explorer had to part (with, from) his family for long periods of time.
- _____ 19. I borrowed the library book (from, off of) David.
- _____ 20. There were three other couples chaperoning the party (beside, besides) Jim's father and mother.

In the following strike out the superfluous words:

1. Where is the club meeting at?
2. The class is to be divided up into three sections.
3. Where was he living at when you last heard from him?
4. The speech ended up with a plea for money for the hospital.
5. Where was he going to when you met him?
6. On our way to the show we met up with some friends who were going there, too.
7. Where shall we go to this evening?
8. Where were you at when I called you up on the telephone this morning?