4.1 Prepositions (Kata Sendi Nama)

Preposition	Usage	Examples
at	Specific time/place	at 8am, at school, at the corner
in	Inside / enclosed / long periods	in the box, in 2026, in January
on	Surfaces / specific days/dates	on the table, on Monday, on 5 June
by	Not later than / agent in passive	by 5pm, written by the author
for	Duration / purpose	for 2 hours, for your benefit
since	From a point in past until now	since 2020, since last week
between	Two items	between Ali and Siti
among	Three or more items	among the students

4.2 Conjunctions (Kata Hubung)

Type	Conjunctions	Example
Coordinating	for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so (FANBOYS)	I studied hard, **so** I passed.
Subordinating	because, although, when, if, since, unless	**Although** he studied, he failed.
Correlative	both...and, either...or, neither...nor	**Both** Ali **and** Siti passed.

4.3 Articles (Kata Sandang)

Definite Article: THE

- Specific / already mentioned noun
- The book on the table is mine.
- Unique things: the sun, the moon
- Superlatives: the best, the most

Indefinite Articles: A / AN

- Non-specific singular noun
- A dog is barking. (any dog)
- A + consonant sound: a book, a car
- AN + vowel sound: an apple, an hour

💡 'an hour' uses AN because 'h' is silent → vowel sound. 'a university' uses A because 'u' sounds like 'y' (consonant sound).

5.1 Active vs Passive – Core Concept

Voice	Focus	Formula	Example
Active	Subject does the action	S + V + O	Ali **wrote** the report.
Passive	Object receives action	S + be + V3 + (by agent)	The report **was written** by Ali.

5.2 How to Convert Active to Passive

Tense	Active	Passive
Simple Present	She cleans the room.	The room is cleaned (by her).
Simple Past	He painted the wall.	The wall was painted (by him).
Present Continuous	They are building the house.	The house is being built (by them).
Present Perfect	She has sent the letter.	The letter has been sent (by her).
Future (will)	They will announce the results.	The results will be announced.
Modal (can/must/should)	He can do it.	It can be done (by him).

5.3 When to Use Passive

- Agent (doer) is **unknown**: The window was broken. (we don't know who)
- Agent is **unimportant**: The bridge was opened in 2010.
- Agent is **obvious**: He was arrested. (by police, implied)
- To sound **formal**: Mistakes were made. (official documents)
- To **emphasise the object**: The medal was won by the young athlete.

> 💡 In SPM essays, using passive voice correctly shows advanced grammar ability.

6.1 Direct vs Reported Speech

Type	Example
Direct Speech	Ali said, "I am studying now."
Reported Speech	Ali said that he was studying then.

6.2 Tense Backshift Rules

Direct (in quotation)	→ Reported (backshifted)
is / am / are	→ was / were
was / were	→ had been
has / have + V3	→ had + V3
will	→ would
can	→ could
may	→ might
must / have to	→ had to
simple past (V2)	→ past perfect (had + V3)

6.3 Time & Place Expressions Conversion

Direct	→ Reported
now	→ then / at that time
today	→ that day
yesterday	→ the day before / the previous day
tomorrow	→ the next day / the following day
here	→ there
this / these	→ that / those
ago	→ before / previously

6.4 Reporting Questions & Commands

Questions

- Yes/No question: "Are you ready?" → He **asked** *if* I was ready.
- Wh-question: "Where do you live?" → She **asked** *where* I lived.

Commands/Requests

- "Clean the room." → He **told** me *to clean* the room.
- "Please sit down." → She **asked** me *to sit down*.
- "Don't run." → He **told** me *not to run*.

Exercise A: Fill in the correct verb tense

1. She _____ (go) to school every day. [Simple Present]

2. They _____ (play) football when it rained. [Past Continuous]

3. He _____ (not/finish) his homework yet. [Present Perfect]

4. By next year, I _____ (study) English for ten years. [Future Perfect]

5. The report _____ (submit) by the manager yesterday. [Simple Past Passive]

Exercise B: Active to Passive

6. The teacher corrects the homework every day. (Present Simple Passive)

→ _____

7. Scientists will discover a new planet. (Future Passive)

→ _____

8. They have built a new school in town. (Present Perfect Passive)

→ _____

Exercise C: Conditional Sentences

9. If I _____ (be) taller, I would play basketball. [Type 2]

10. If she had taken the medicine, she _____ (recover). [Type 3]

11. If you heat ice, it _____ (melt). [Type 0]

Exercise D: Choose the correct preposition

12. I will meet you _____ 3pm _____ the library. (at/in)

13. She has been working here _____ 2020. (for/since)

14. The difference _____ the two options is clear. (between/among)

✅ ANSWER KEY – Exercises A, B, C, D

Exercise A: Verb Tenses

1. goes (Simple Present – she/he/it + V+s) ✓
2. were playing (Past Continuous – was/were + V-ing) ✓
3. has not finished (Present Perfect Negative – have/has + not + V3) ✓
4. will have studied (Future Perfect – will have + V3) ✓
5. was submitted (Simple Past Passive – was/were + V3) ✓

Exercise B: Active to Passive

6. The homework is corrected by the teacher every day. ✓
7. A new planet will be discovered by scientists. ✓
8. A new school has been built in town (by them). ✓

Exercise C: Conditionals

9. were (Type 2: If + Simple Past → would + base verb) ✓
10. would have recovered (Type 3: would have + V3) ✓
11. melts (Type 0: Simple Present → Simple Present) ✓

Exercise D: Prepositions

12. at 3pm; at the library ✓
13. since 2020 (specific time point) ✓
14. between the two options ✓ (between = 2 items)

★ Tense errors: most common SPM mistake — practise daily
★ Passive voice: remember be + V3, ensure subject-verb agreement
★ Prepositions: no shortcuts — memorise common phrases with context

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