

Clue 4—I have a preposition for you

Find all the prepositions in the writing below. The numbers in brackets show which letter of the preposition is part of the clue.

eg I will go to the shops near the market. (2,1) to, near = on

Sam ran along the quiet road and jogged through the gate towards the town centre. (1,1,1) Throughout his run, he had seen no animals except a fox. (2,1) Since 8am his path had taken him across several muddy fields and he was now five minutes behind schedule. (1,2,3) The swollen river had spilled over its banks and onto the A57 like a great flood. (1,1,1)

Sam ambled among the many shoppers alongside the town hall then headed to the library which was open till 6pm. (2,1,1,1) Excluding Waitrose, there wasn't another supermarket near the town centre. (1,1) During his journey, his heart rate had not dropped below 100bpm even when he was jogging down Steven Hill. (1,2,1) Entering the library, his sharp eyes detected movement. Putting his head to the floor, he spotted a small white mouse scampering through the Thriller section, behind the Family section before disappearing under the Romance shelves. (1,2,2,5)

Behind the library counter, Mrs Fusty the librarian, without a smile, hummed the tune 'Silence is Golden'. (2,1) Under the Romance section, she had spotted a notice regarding late books. (4,1) Below that notice, alongside the book "100 Kisses Every Day" sat four round blobs of mouse poo. (2,4,1) By the time her scream had echoed around the library and travelled beyond the building, Sam had decided it was quite the loudest screech he had heard since 1965. (1,3,3,1)