Conjunctions are words used to connect two clauses. They may also connect two words. Examples are: and, but, or, because, when, before, until, if etc.. Prepositions show the relation between a noun and some other word in the sentence. While conjunctions are followed by clauses, prepositions are followed by nouns or noun equivalents. Common prepositions are: on, in, at, down, above, over, by, with, between, among.

Complete the following sentences with a preposition or conjunction.

1. ……………………….. I ran fast, I finished first. (Because / Because of)
2. I am happy ………………………… my children. (because / because of)
3. I must leave ………………………. 6 o’clock. (before / in front of)
4. The car is parked ……………………… the bank. (before / in front of)
5. The whole town was ……………………… water. (under / below)
6. I didn’t like that house; ………………………, it is too small. (beside / besides)
7. Who is that pretty girl sitting ……………………… Sita? (beside / besides)
8. She has a number of celebrities ………………………. her friends. (among / between)
9. ……………………….. the first to arrive was the mayor. (Among / Between)
10. I was interviewed ……………………… two directors. (by / with)

**Answers**

1. **Because** I ran fast, I finished first.

2. I am happy **because of** my children.

3. I must leave **before** 6 o’clock.

4. The car is parked **in front of** the bank.

5. The whole town was **under** water.

6. I didn’t like that house; **besides**, it is too small.

7. Who is that pretty girl sitting **beside** Sita?
8. She has a number of celebrities **among** her friends.
9. **Among** the first to arrive was the mayor.
10. I was interviewed **by** two directors.