

Prepositions

What are prepositions?

A preposition is a word used with a noun and a pronoun. It is used to show when or where is something related to another.

Common examples

- Prepositions of time

on	Usage	Referring to days, dates and specific holiday dates
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has swimming lessons on Mondays. • She came to the party on my birthday.
at	Usage	Referring to time and specific events
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My parents will return home at night. • I go to school at 8am.
before/ after	Usage	Referring to the time when something happens in relation to another
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He drinks warm milk before going to bed. • I go straight home after work.
during	Usage	Referring to something happening throughout the duration
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I finished the puzzle during my summer holiday.
until	Usage	Referring to a time period onwards to or till a specific time
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She studied until midnight yesterday.

- Prepositions of place

in	Usage	Referring to something that is inside a certain boundary, town and country
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is now working in France. • The jar is in the cupboard. • The kids are playing in the backyard.
on	Usage	Referring to something with a surface
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cat is lying on the floor. • I hang the drawing on the wall. • She is writing on the blackboard.
at	Usage	Referring to something at a point
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will see you at the airport. • He is waiting for bus at the bus stop. • She is standing at the entrance.
above	Usage	Referring to something in or to a higher place than the other
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plane flies above the clouds. • He hangs the decoration on the ceiling above his head.
below	Usage	Referring to something in or to a lower place than the other
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kitchen is below the stairs. • He hides the dolls below his bed.
outside	Usage	Referring to something on or towards the outside
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is running outside the house.
inside	Usage	Referring to something on the inner side or part of another.
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She puts the gift inside the box. • He puts a cross inside the circle.

- Prepositions of movement

across	Usage	Referring to a movement from one side to another
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He can swim across the sea when he was young. • She quickly ran across the road.
through	Usage	Referring to a movement entering into something and out from the other end
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I drive through the tunnel.
from	Usage	Referring to a starting point or source of movement
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus heading from the station to the beach. • He is taking the purse from his bag.
along	Usage	Referring to a movement from one end to another
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He runs along the path. • He sticks the tape along the edge of the shelf.
past	Usage	Referring to something beyond in position than the other
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On our way home, we walked past many shops.
round	Usage	Referring to a movement around something.
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We go round the fountain.
into	Usage	Referring to a movement entering into something
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I put the shoes into the box. • We marched into the palace.
onto	Usage	Referring to a place or position on another
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She placed the strawberry onto the cake. • He puts the book onto the table.
off	Usage	Referring to something no longer attached to another
	Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The squirrel jumped off the roof.