6 Prepositions



WHAT ARE PREPOSITIONS?

It is a term signifying the link between two objects indicating their position. For example: The pen is on the table. Here, on shows the relationship between the pen and the table. It is a word that indicates direction (to in "a letter to you"), location (at in "at her house"), or time (by in "by midnight"), or that introduces an object (of in "a basket of mangoes"). Prepositions are usually followed by an object, which can be a noun (midnight) or a pronoun (you).

The most commonly used prepositions have been penned down here as follows: about, above, across, after, against, along, among, around, at, because of, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, by, close to, down, during, except, for, from, inside, in, instead of, into, like, near, of, off, on, on top of, onto, out of, outside, over, past, since, through, to, towards, under, until, up, upon, with, within, without.

Types of preposition

The different types of prepositions are as follows:

Prepositions of direction: In order to refer to a direction, the prepositions used are "to," "into," "on," and "onto."

- She rode to the school.
- Don't knock during an ongoing lecture. Come right in(to) the classroom.

Prepositions of time: In order to refer to one point in time, the prepositions used are "in," "at," and "on."

- He was born in 1999.
- I go to gym at 6:00.
- We get off on second Saturdays of each month.

In order to refer to extended time, the prepositions used are "since," "for," "by," "during," "from...to," "from...until," "with," and "within."

• I have lived in Singapore since 2010.

- He will be in Bahrain for 2 weeks.
- He will finish his work by 8:00.
- She works part time during the autumn.
- I will take care of the car from July to December.
- They are in school from January until
- She will graduate within 3 years.
- Prepositions of place: The prepositions used to refer to a place are as follows: "in", "at", "on", and "inside".
- They will meet in the lunchroom.
- Lia was waiting at the corner.
- She left her wallet on the bed.
- Keep the pen inside the pouch.

In order to refer to an object higher than a point, the prepositions used are "over" and "above." In order to refer to an object lower than a point, the prepositions used are "below," "beneath." "under," and "underneath."

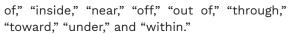
- There is hard wood beneath the carpet.
- The bird flew over the house.
- He hid under the table.
- The mouse is hiding underneath the bed. In order to refer to an object close to a point, the prepositions used are "by," "near," "next to," "between," "among," and "opposite."
- The post office is by the grocery store.
- My house is near the post office.
- Park your car next to the garage.
- The garage is opposite the house.

Prepositions of location: In order to refer to a location, the prepositions used are "in", "at", and "on".

- He will find her at the library.
- They live in the country.
- He sat on the chair.

Prepositions of spatial relationships: To refer to a spatial relationship, use the prepositions "above," "across," "against," "ahead of," "along," "among," "around," "behind," "below," "beneath," "beside," "between," "from," "in front

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- His house is across the street from the grocery store.
- We will stop at many attractions along the way.
- The children are hiding behind the tree.
- Take your shoes off.
- Walk toward the library and then turn right.
- Place a check mark within the box.

22. He hung a calendar ___ the fireplace.

SOME RULES WHILE USING PREPOSITIONS

- **1.** A preposition must have an object.
- **2.** A preposition is followed by a "noun". It is never followed by a verb.
- **3.** A preposition (usually) comes before its object. For example: I put it in the bag. However, at times when the preposition does not come before its object, it is still closely related to its object: Who did you talk to? / I talked to Lia.

50. There is some dispute ____ the property.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions.	
1. We took the decision the telephone.	23. Children the age of three are not allowed here.
2. I met Lia December.	24. There is a shop the house.
3. We were paralysed fear.	25. He is leaning the wall.
4. Jacob left Singapore.	26. Come to my office half-past ten.
5. She turned and looked at me.	27. He is available 10 am and 12 noon.
6. The boy the blue shirt is my	28. The old lady is walking a stick.
brother.	29. We pay our bills cash.
7. The cat sprang the table.	30. The house is fire.
8. I shall return an hour.	31. The peaches are sold 150 rupees a kilo.
9. He will join school tomorrow.	32. The spoon is made gold.
10. She went back home lunchtime.	33. You are eligible the post.
11. Do you take pride your appearance?	34. I was shocked her behaviour.
12. I tripped the box and fell down the	35. I am short money.
stairs.	36. I have a good relationship my classmates.
13. I am looking forward seeing you at	37. Concentrate your work.
the party.	38. She is ill fever.
14. He trembled fear when he got	39. The situation is control.
caught.	40. She congratulated me winning the
15. I think the shop should be open	game.
now.	41. It rained days together.
16. People used to waste a lot of time	42. They were freed the danger.
queuing up to pay bills.	43. The meeting starts three o'clock.
17. Our shop remains closed Sundays.	44. He warned me the danger.
18. We visited Manali the summer	45. Be kind your peers.
vacations.	46. She invited me her house.
19. She is proud her achievements.	47. They went a picnic.
20. I am no good singing.	48. Ram lost Lia in the finals.
21. My sister works the bank.	49. James died overeating.

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SOLUTIONS

2. In

3. With

4. For

5. Around

6. In

7. Upon

8. Within

9. From

10. At

11. In

12. Over

13. To

14. With

15. By

16. In

17. On

18. During

19. Of

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22. Over

23. Under **24.** Across

25. Against

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