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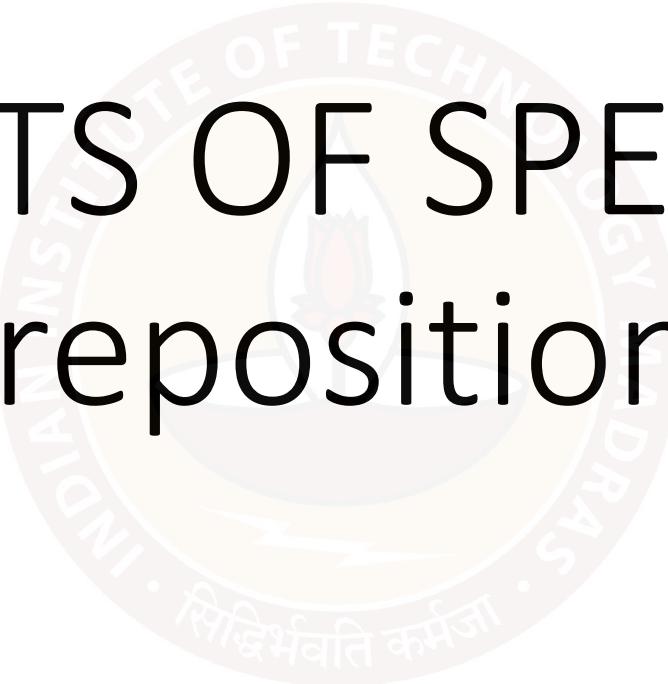
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# PARTS OF SPEECH

## (Prepositions)



# Prepositions

- Words that help us show relationships in time, place and position.
- Examples are words like in, on at, by, from, with, before, after, for, etc.
- *I will see you at the office on Monday.*
- *He stood before me in the queue.*
- *at (preposition of place)*
- *on (preposition of time)*
- *before (preposition of position)*

# PREPOSITIONS LIST

A Preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or a pronoun and some other word or element in the rest of the sentence.

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| • <b>Abroad</b>       | • As well as  | • Concerning         | • Into       | • Off           | • Till           |
| • <b>About</b>        | • Aside       | • Despite            | • Except     | • On            | • Times          |
| • <b>Above</b>        | • At          | • Down               | • Except for | • On account of | • To             |
| • <b>According to</b> | • Away        | • Due to             | • Excluding  | • On behalf of  | • Toward         |
| • <b>Across</b>       | • Barring     | • During             | • For        | • On to         | • Towards        |
| • <b>After</b>        | • Because of  | • In                 | • Following  | • On top of     | • Under          |
| • <b>Against</b>      | • Before      | • In accordance with | • From       | • Onto          | • Underneath     |
| • <b>Ago</b>          | • Behind      | • In addition to     | • Hence      | • Opposite      | • Until          |
| • <b>Ahead of</b>     | • Below       | • In case of         | • Like       | • Out           | • Unto           |
| • <b>Along</b>        | • Beneath     | • In front of        | • Minus      | • Out from      | • Up             |
| • <b>Amidst</b>       | • Beside      | • In lieu of         | • Near       | • Out of        | • Upon           |
| • <b>Among</b>        | • Besides     | • In place of        | • Next       | • Outside       | • Via            |
| • <b>Amongst</b>      | • Between     | • In spite of        | • Next to    | • Over          | • With           |
| • <b>Apart</b>        | • Beyond      | • In to              | • Past       | • Owing to      | • With a view to |
| • <b>Around</b>       | • But         | • Inside             | • Per        | • Than          | • Within         |
| • <b>As</b>           | • By          | • Instead of         | • Prior to   | • Through       |                  |
| • <b>As far as</b>    | • By means of | • Circa              | • Round      | • Throughout    |                  |



<b>Preposition of Time</b>	<b>Used For</b>	<b>Example</b>
At	Specific / precise time	At 4.00 am / at noon
On	For days and dates	On Wednesday/ on 25 <sup>th</sup> June
In	For longer periods like months, years, seasons, etc.	In January/ in 2017/ in summer
For	Duration of time	For three days, for a year
<b>Preposition of Place</b>	<b>Used For</b>	<b>Example</b>
At	A specific place	At the library
On	Referring to an area or surface	On the terrace
In	A place with a boundary	In a room; in the sea
<b>Preposition of Direction</b>	<b>Used For/Used To</b>	<b>Example</b>
Towards/Into/Up	Expressing a direction	Towards the church
In/Around/Across		Across the street

<b>Preposition of Agent</b>	<b>Used for/ Used to</b>	<b>Example</b>
by	Show how something has been done	Manufactured by machines
	Show how somebody commutes	Travels by bus
	Indicate the agent in passive voice	We were informed by the authorities
	Work written/done by people	Built by a carpenter



Here is a list of some commonly-used prepositions with meanings and examples.

	Preposition	Meaning	Examples
1.	about	a. On the of b. approximately	a. This movie is <u>about</u> three students in a college. b. Take <u>about</u> give grams of copper dioxide.
2.	across	From one side to the other	We walked <u>across</u> the road to the ice-cream parlour.
3.	against	a. Opposed to b. In contact with	a. It is <u>against</u> the law to obstruct government officials while they are performing their duty. b. Place the refrigerator <u>against</u> the wall.
4.	after	a. Later in time b. Later in group c. Follow somebody or something	a. Please meet me <u>after</u> 5 o'clock. b. The dancers will come <u>after</u> singers in the procession. c. The policemen ran <u>after</u> the thieves.
5.	along	following	Walk <u>along</u> the road till you see the bus-stop on the right.
6.	at	a. A specific location b. At a point of time c. An activity d. Towards somebody or something	a. Please deliver this parcel <u>at</u> 12, Trundle street. b. The instructor specifically told us to submit the assignment <u>at</u> 9.00 pm. c. The students are busy <u>at</u> work. d. The bull charged <u>at</u> the crowd.

	Preposition	Meaning	Examples
7.	before	a. Earlier in time b. Earlier in a group of things	a. Deliver this parcel <u>before</u> 9 pm. b. R comes <u>before</u> S in the alphabet.
8.	between	a. Between, in terms of location b. Between, in terms of time c. Between, with reference to two things	a. The station lies <u>between</u> the mountain and the river. b. I will try and visit you <u>between</u> Christmas and the New Year. c. The property was divided equally <u>between</u> the two brothers.
9.	but	except	I have packed everything <u>but</u> the food.
10.	by	a. Near b. Within a certain time c. through	a. I live <u>by</u> the seashore. b. Try to finish this project <u>by</u> next week. c. We are travelling <u>by</u> plane to Delhi.
11.	down	a. Towards a lower position b. Further along	a. Jack rolled <u>down</u> the hill. b. Raghu lives <u>down</u> this road.
12.	during	a. Throughout a period b. Sometime in the course of the period	a. BPO staff work <u>during</u> the night. b. It rained heavily sometime <u>during</u> the night.

	Preposition	Meaning	Examples
13.	for	a. Duration of time b. Distance c. Purpose	a. We played football <u>for</u> two hours. b. You have to walk <u>for</u> two kilometers to reach the bank. c. These bananas are <u>for</u> the custard.
14.	from	a. Place of origin b. Source c. cause	a. We started <u>from</u> Varanasi yesterday. b. We heard about the accident <u>from</u> Rohan. c. She suffers <u>from</u> migraine. That's why she gets frequent headaches.
15.	in	a. Place b. Within a place c. A member of	a. London is <u>in</u> England. b. I left my bag <u>in</u> the room. c. He is <u>in</u> the army.
16.	inside	within	They are <u>inside</u> the room.
17.	into	To the inside of	We stepped <u>into</u> the hall.
18.	like	a. Resembling b. possibility	a. He looks <u>like</u> a movie actor. b. It appears <u>like</u> rain.
19.	near	a. Close to	a. The park is <u>near</u> the school.

	Preposition	Meaning	Examples
20.	of	a. Location b. Possession c. Part of group d. Measurement	a. Don't stand in the middle <u>of</u> the road. b. Rohan is a good friend <u>of</u> mine. c. Vikrant is a part <u>of</u> the music band. d. Take two cups <u>of</u> milk.
21.	off	a. Not on b. At some distance from	a. Please keep <u>off</u> the grass. b. The island is <u>off</u> the coast.
22.	onto	Reaching the position	The dog climbed <u>onto</u> the table.
23.	over	a. Above b. Across c. More than	a. There are shelves <u>over</u> the sink. b. He tried to jump <u>over</u> the wall. c. This phone is <u>over</u> two thousand rupees.
24.	Since	a. From a specific time in the past b. From a past time until now	a. I have been working on this assignment <u>since</u> 2 pm. b. I have been waiting for the courier <u>since</u> morning.
25.	through	a. For a period of time b. By means of	a. I slept <u>through</u> the night. b. He started drawing well <u>through</u> practice.
26.	to	a. In the direction of b. Destination c. purpose	a. Turn <u>to</u> your right. b. I am going <u>to</u> Varanasi. c. I went shopping <u>to</u> buy new clothes.

	Preposition	Meaning	Examples
27.	toward	a. In the direction of b. Just before the time	a. She started walking <u>towards</u> the temple. b. It started raining <u>towards</u> night.
28.	under	a. Beneath b. In the present condition	a. The books are <u>under</u> the table. b. My car is <u>under</u> repair.
29.	until	Upto a certain point of time	She will stay <u>until</u> 4 pm.
30.	up	a. To a higher place b. In a higher place	a. We walked <u>up</u> the stairs. b. The temple is <u>up</u> the hill.
31.	with	a. Accompanying b. By means of c. As a result of	a. I went to the part <u>with</u> my parents. b. He stuck the paper <u>with</u> glue. c. My mother was very happy <u>with</u> my performance.
32.	within	a. Inside of, in terms of distance b. Before the end of a time period	a. My college is <u>within</u> one kilometer from here. b. I will come back <u>within</u> an hour.

**Fill in the blanks using the correct prepositions.**

1. General Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-chief of the Indian Army, was born \_\_\_\_\_ 15 January 1949, \_\_\_\_\_ Kodagu, Karnataka.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the 21<sup>st</sup> century, war will move \_\_\_\_\_ cyberspace with the development of specialised weapons, tactics and defences.
  
3. DRC-Hubo, a robot developed \_\_\_\_\_ the Korean Institute for Science and technology, was the first robot to get an ID card at the World Economic Forum at Davos.
  
4. War has often been described as a conflict among political groups, carried on \_\_\_\_\_ armed forces for a considerable period of time.
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the fourth century BC, Alexander the Great conquered the entire stretch of territories extending from the Indus to Egypt and from Iran to Greece.

**Fill in the blanks using the correct prepositions.**

1. Military technology refers \_\_\_\_ the range of weapons, equipment, structures and vehicles used specifically \_\_\_\_ the purpose of fighting.
  
2. The earliest gunpowder invented \_\_\_\_ man exploded on contact \_\_\_\_ an open flame or a red-hot fire.
  
3. There is a possibility that \_\_\_\_ future, most wars may be fought in the skies, and hence, there will be less requirement \_\_\_\_ humans on the ground.
  
4. The shrinking of the world, \_\_\_\_ improved communication and transportation, has increased the probability that hostilities anywhere will affect people everywhere.
  
5. \_\_\_\_ the initial phase of the project, the robotic soldier would be required to be told \_\_\_\_ the human soldier to identify an enemy. But in due course of time, the roles would change.