

PREPOSITION

- A preposition is a word that links noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to some other part of the sentence.

Preposition can be tricky for English learners. There is no definite rule or formula for choosing a preposition. In the beginning stage of learning the language, you should try to identify a preposition when reading or listening in English and recognise its usage.

- On the table
- In an hour
- About myself

A preposition is used to show direction, location, time or to introduce an object.

Here are a few common preposition and examples.

➤ On

- Used to express a surface of something
 - I put an egg on the kitchen table.
 - The paper is on my desk.
- Used to specify days and dates.
 - The garbage truck comes on Wednesday.
 - I was born on 14th of November.
- Used to indicate a device or machine, such as a phone or computer.
 - He is on the phone right now.
 - She has been on the computer since morning.
 - My favourite movie will be on TV tonight.
- Used to indicate a part of the body.
 - The stick hit me on my shoulder.
 - He kissed me on my cheek.
 - I wear a ring on my finger.

- Used to indicate the state of something.

- Everything in this store is on sale.
- The building is on fire.

➤ At

- Used to point out specific time.

- I will meet you at 12 pm.
- The bus will stop here at 5.45pm.

- Used to indicate a place.

- There is a party at the club house.
- There were hundreds of people at the park.
- We saw a baseball game at the stadium.

- Used to indicate an email.

- Please email me at abc@gmail.com

- Used to indicate an activity.

- He laughed at my acting.
- I am good at drawing a portrait.

➤ In

- Used for unspecific times during a day, month, season, year.

- She always reads newspapers in the morning.
- In the summer, we have a rainy season for three weeks.
- The new semester will start in March.

- Used to indicate a location or place.

- She looked me directly in the eyes.
- I am currently staying in a hotel.

- My hometown is Bhiwani, which is in Haryana.
- Used to indicate a shape, colour, or size.
 - This painting is mostly in blue.
 - The students stood in a circle.
 - This jacket comes in four different sizes.
- Used to express while doing something.
 - In preparing for the final report, we revised the tone three times.
 - A catch phrase needs to be impressive in marketing a product.
- Used to indicate a belief, opinion, interest, or feelings.
 - I believe in the next life.
 - We are not interested in gambling.

➤ Of

- Used for belonging to, relating to, or connected with.
 - The secret of this game is that you can't ever win.
 - The highlight of the show is at the end.
 - The first page of the book describes the author's profile.
 - Don't touch it. That's the bag of my friend's sister.
 - I always dreamt of being rich and famous.
- Used to indicate reference.
 - I got married in the summer of 2000.
 - This is a picture of my family.
 - I got discount of 10% on the purchase.
- Used to indicate an amount or number.
 - I drank three cups of coffee.
 - A large number of people gathered to protest.

- I had only four hours of sleep during the last two days.
- He got a perfect score of 5 on his writing assignment.

➤ To

- Used to indicate the place, person, or thing that someone or something moves toward, or the direction of something.
 - I am heading to the entrance of the building.
 - The package was mailed to Mr. Gupta yesterday.
 - All of us went to the cinema.
 - Please send it back to me.
- Used to indicate a limit or an ending point.
 - The snow was piled up to the roof.
 - The stock prices rose up to 100 dollars.
- Used to indicate relationship.
 - My answer to your question is in this envelop.
 - Do not respond to every little thing in your life.
- Used to indicate a time or a period.
 - I work nine to six, Monday to Friday.
 - It is now 10 to five. (In other words, it is 4.50.)

➤ For

- Used to indicate the use of something.
 - This place is for exhibitions and shows.
 - I baked a cake for your birthday.
 - I put a note on the door for privacy.
 - She has been studying hard for the final exam.

- Used to mean because of.
 - I am so happy for you.
 - We feel deeply sorry for your loss.
 - For this reason, I've decided to quit this job.

- Used to indicate time or duration.
 - He's been famous for many decades.
 - I attended the university for one year only.
 - This is all I have for today.

- With
- Used to indicate being together or being involved.
 - I ordered a sandwich with a drink.
 - He was with his friend when he saw me.
 - She has been working with her sister at the nail shop.
 - The manager will be with you shortly.

- Used to indicate "using".
 - I wrote a letter with the pen you gave me.
 - This is the soup that I made with rice and barley.
 - He cut my hair with his gold scissors.

- Used to indicate feeling.
 - I am emailing you with my sincere apology.
 - He came to the front stage with confidence.

- Used to indicate agreement or understanding.
 - Are you with me?
 - Yes, I am completely with you.
 - She agrees with me.

➤ By

- Means next to.
 - Can I sit by you?
 - He was standing by me.
 - The post office is by the bank.
- Used to indicate the person that does something in a passive voice sentence.
 - The microwave was fixed by the mechanic.
 - The flowers were delivered by a postman.
 - The branch office was closed by the head office.
- Used to indicate an action with a particular purpose.
 - You can pass the exam by preparing for it.
 - I expressed my feeling toward her by writing a letter.
 - She finally broke the record by pure effort.
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➤ ABOVE AND OVER

- Higher than: above or over
 - Above and over can both mean “higher than”. Above is more common with this meaning
 - The water came up above/over our knees.
- Covering: over
 - We prefer over when one thing covers or touches another.
 - He put on a quote over his shirt.
- Measurements: above
 - Above is used in measurements of temperature and height , and in other cases when we think of a vertical scale.
 - The summit of Everest is about 8000 metres above sea level.
- Age’ speed, “more than” : over
 - We usually use over , not above , to talk about age and speed , and to mean “more than”

- You have to be over 18 to watch this film.

Sentences with prepositions of place and direction

Preposition	Use	Sentences
above	higher than sth.	The picture hangs above my bed.
across	from one side to the other side	You mustn't go across this road here.
		There isn't a bridge across the river.
after	one follows the other	The cat ran after the dog.
		After you.
against	directed towards sth.	The bird flew against the window.
along	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking along the beach.
among	in a group	I like being among people.
around	in a circular way	We're sitting around the campfire.
at*	position at a point	I arrived at the meeting.
behind	at the back of	Our house is behind the supermarket.
below	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres below sea level.

beside	next to	Our house is beside the supermarket.
between	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is between the supermarket and the school.
by	near	He lives in the house by the river.
close to	near	Our house is close to the supermarket.
down	from high to low	He came down the hill.
from	the place where it starts	Do you come from Tokyo?
in front of	the part that is in the direction it faces	Our house is in front of the supermarket.
inside	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay inside the castle.
in*	place seen in three dimensions	We slept in the car.
	larger areas	I was born in England.
into	entering sth.	You shouldn't go into the castle.
near	close to	Our house is near the supermarket.
next to	beside	Our house is next to the supermarket.
off	away from sth.	The cat jumped off the roof.
on*	touches a surface	There is a fly on the table.

	is seen as a point on a line	We were on the way from Paris to Rome.
	by a lake or sea	London lies on the Thames.
onto	moving to a place	The cat jumped onto the roof.
opposite	on the other side	Our house is opposite the supermarket.
out of	leaving sth.	The cat jumped out of the window.
outside	opposite of inside	Can you wait outside ?
over	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped over the wall.
past	going near sth./sb.	Go past the post office.
round	in a circle	We're sitting round the campfire.
through	going from one point to the other point	You shouldn't walk through the forest.
to	towards sth./sb.	I like going to Australia.
		Can you come to me?
		I've never been to Africa.
towards	in the direction of sth.	We ran towards the castle.
under	below sth.	The cat is under the table.

up	from low to high	He went up the hill.
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**These words are only spoken,
not written**