

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word which is used before a noun, a noun phrase or a pronoun, connecting it to another word.

EXAMPLES :

- Are your siblings **in** good health ?
- Do you bleed **between** your periods ?

Generally speaking, one can classify prepositions in three groups:

- Prepositions of **time**.
- Prepositions of **place**.
- Other types of **prepositions**.

Prepositions of time :

Preposition	Example
On	The operating room is free on Friday.
In	This is the third abortion I've had in four years.
At	I'd rather work in the ER at night.
Since	Have you had any health problems since you became pregnant ?
For	I've been taking the pill for three years now.
Ago	I stopped getting periods six years ago .
Before	She gave birth to a beautiful baby just before dawn.
To	She was admitted to the hospital at twenty to six.
Past	The lecture started at five past ten.
From	Night shifts last 12 hours, from 8 :00pm to 8 :00am.
To	It's only three weeks until the estimated date of delivery.
Until/Till	She waited until the contractions became too strong to go to the ER.
By	I will have graduated from medical school by next year.

Prepositions of place :

Preposition	Example
In	Interns spend most of their time in the hospital.
At	The discharge appears at the end of my menstrual cycle.
On	Please lie down on the examination table.
By ; Next to ; Beside ; Near	Do you live near the hospital ?
Between	The uterus is located between the two Fallopian tubes.
Behind	Students watch the procedure from behind the surgeons.
In front of	The patient sat in front of the doctor, ready to hear the results.
Under	Every tumor removed from the human body is examined under a microscope.
Below	The urethral opening is located just below the clitoris.
Over	The woman that jumped over the gate was diagnosed with postpartum psychosis prior to the incident.
Above	During the engagement, a part of the foetal head is felt abdominally above the symphysis pubis.

Across	The pharmacy is right across from the hospital.
Through	The surgeon cuts through skin using a scalpel.
To	I usually take the pill before I go to bed.
Into	Pain can be a difficult thing to put into words.
Towards	Doctors have many duties towards their patients.
Onto	She rolled onto her side, trying to get up.
From	Where do you come from ?

Other prepositions :

Preposition	Example
From	Most surgical instruments are made from metal.
Of	A friend of mine was diagnosed with endometriosis.
By	The famous Atlas of Human Anatomy was created by Dr Netter.
On	A Moroccan medical student once delivered a baby on a plane.
In	During my last shift, I had to perform three c-sections in a row.
Off	You need to take your clothes off .
Out of	They took her out of the ambulance in a hurry.
By	From 2012 to 2016, the incidence rate increased by 1.1% per year for local-stage breast cancer in the US.
At	In theory, women can still get pregnant at the age of 40.
About	The conference is about breast cancer.