

GRAMMAR

Advanced uses of prepositions

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can form sentences using a range of prepositions.
- I can use more advanced prepositions to add, include, exclude, or contrast information.

In addition to

1. **Read** the sentences.
2. Then **review** the information in the blue boxes below.

In addition to being pregnant, she is also running a company.

In addition to the bank, the pharmacy is also closing down.

- When something **extra** or **additional** is happening, we use:
 - **in addition to + ing form**

- When something extra exists or is important, we use:
 - **in addition to + noun phrase**



Multiple choice

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence

1 In addition to _____, she also works part-time at a restaurant.

a. studying

b. study

c. studied

d. work

2 In addition to _____, they recently bought a new car.

a. house

b. their new house

c. buying

d. buy

3 I play football on Sundays, in addition to _____ every evening.

a. run

b. a run

c. running

d. exercise

4 In addition to _____ a team, she is also in charge of recruitment.

a. manage

b. lead

c. managed

d. managing



Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.



In addition to learning English, I...

In addition to working, I...

In addition to this class, ...

In addition to my phone, ...



Apart from and except for

Review the information below.

Apart from is used when we want to include a noun phrase or an action with another.

We often use it with the adverbs ***also*** or ***too***:

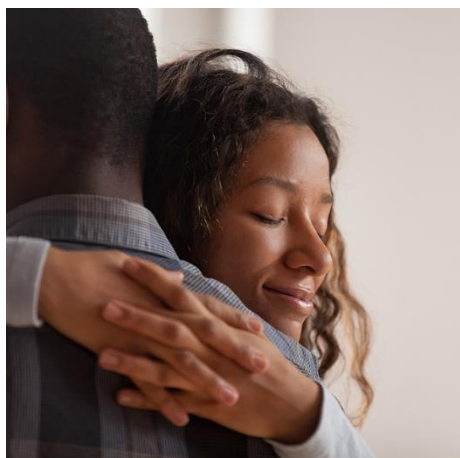
Apart from English, he ***also*** speaks German and Portuguese.

Apart from being a great husband, he is a great dad, ***too***.

We can also use ***apart from*** to **exclude** a **noun phrase** or **action** from another:

*I have visited all the big cities in Australia ***apart from*** Adelaide.*

In the example above, ***apart from*** means **except for**.



Except for is used to **exclude**. It is used in the same way as ***apart from***.

*The shop is open every day ***except for*** Sunday.*

*I don't really use my phone much, ***except for*** listening to music.*

Compare with:

*The shop is open every ***day apart from*** Sunday.*

*I don't really use my phone much, ***apart from*** listening to music.*



I have visited all the big cities in Australia **apart from** Adelaide.

Apart from Chile, they also visited Peru and Colombia.

apart from can mean *including* or *excluding*.

In other words, it can mean *except for*, but also *besides/other than*.

Can you identify how *apart from* is used in the example sentences?



Complete the sentences

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **complete the sentences** with your own ideas.

- 1 I like everything about learning English except for_____.
- 2 Apart from English, I also speak _____.
- 3 Apart from taking classes with Lingoda, I also _____ to learn English.
- 4 I find English grammar topics tricky, apart from _____.
- 5 Except for _____, I don't really enjoy _____.

In spite of

- We use **in spite of** to contrast two different things.
- **In spite of** the bad weather, we had a good time.
- She came to the party **in spite of** being tired.
- **Match** the parts of the sentences below.

1 In spite of her promotion...

a ...in spite of my making the booking last week.

2 Ollie and Chris don't get on...

b ...our product has failed to sell well this year.

3 The restaurant had no record of our reservation...

c ...in spite of sharing similar interests.

4 In spite of having a cheaper price...

d ...she is still paid less than her male colleagues.

In spite of practising for hours, I can't ...

Complete the prompt below.

**Tell us something you can't
do in spite of having
practised for hours.**

**Tell us about a time you
didn't like a film in spite of
its rave reviews.**





As for

1. **Read** the sentences. 2. Then **review** the information in the blue box below.



I have contacted Stacy already. **As for** John, I think we'll wait for him to call us.



As for the money, we'll have to make a decision later.

- We use **as for** to focus on a **noun phrase** or **action**.
- It means ***with regard to*** or ***in the case of***.





Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct word/phrase.

- 1 As for _____, nothing could be further from the truth! I've just been so busy. That's why I haven't answered your phone calls.
- 2 I'll wash the dishes. As for the _____, can you please take it out?
- 3 The thief was caught and arrested. As for the _____, they were found in a box in an abandoned building.
- 4 Drinks for the party have been taken care of. As for the _____, do you mind bringing some snacks?
- 5 Shelly is fit again. As for _____, he's still a bit under the weather.

Michael
jewels
avoiding you
food
rubbish



Throughout

- **Throughout** means **over a whole period of time** or **in every part of a place**.
- We commonly use it with **time**, meaning from **beginning** until **end**.



She was asleep **throughout** the film.

Hong Kong is fairly warm **throughout** the year.





Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Have you ever done anything in spite of being told not to?



Would you like living somewhere where the season stays the same throughout the year?

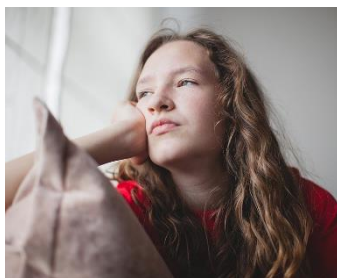
What is a popular trend throughout your country?



Writing

1. **Describe** a journey you've taken that went wrong.
2. **Use** the phrases from the lesson below.

- *in addition to*
- *apart from*
- *except for*
- *inspite of*
- *as for*
- *throughout*





End of the lesson

Idiom

to drive (someone) up the wall

Meaning: to irritate or make someone angry

Example: The sound of the construction is driving me up the wall!



Additional practice



Multiple choice



Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence

- 1 In addition to _____ part-time, she is attending university.
a. study b. work c. worked d. working
- 2 In addition to _____ a new car, they recently bought a new house.
a. has bought b. bought c. buying d. buy
- 3 I go on a five-kilometer run every morning, in addition to _____ three times a week.
a. swim b. swimming c. swum d. a swim
- 4 In addition to _____ a new job, she moved to a new country.
a. start b. moving c. begin d. starting



Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1 In spite of the bad weather, ...



...I enjoyed the picnic very much!

2 In spite of the bad reviews, ...



3 No one was at the restaurant in spite of...



4 A lot of people were buying the new game console in spite of...



5 He didn't take the job offer in spite of...



6 In spite of not speaking the language...





Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Have you ever decided to do something in spite of everyone telling you not to do it?



Can you describe your role at work using *in addition to* and *except for*?



Answer key

P.4: 1.) a 2.) b 3.) c 4.) d

P.9: 1.) d 2.) c 3.) a 5.) b

P.12: 1.) avoiding you 2.) rubbish 3.) jewels 4.) food 5.) Michael

P.19: 1.) d 2.) c 3.) b 4.) d



Summary

In addition to

- When something **extra** or **additional** is **happening**, we use ***in addition to*** + **ing form**, e.g. ***In addition to being pregnant, she is also running a company.***
- When something **extra exists** or is **important**, we use ***in addition to*** + **noun phrase**, e.g. ***In addition to the bank, the pharmacy is also closing down.***

Apart from and except for

- ***Apart from*** is used when we want to **include** a **noun phrase** or an **action** with another. We often use *also* and *too*, e.g. ***Apart from English, he also speaks Portuguese.***
- We also use ***apart from*** and ***except for*** to **exclude** a **noun phrase** or **action** from another, e.g. ***The shop is open every day, except for Sunday.***

In spite of

- We use ***in spite of*** to **contrast** two different things.
- ***In spite of the bad weather, we had a good time.***
- ***She came to the party in spite of being tired.***

As for and throughout

- We use ***as for*** to **focus** on a **noun phrase** or **action**. It means *with regard to* or *in the case of*, e.g. ***As for the money, we'll have to make a decision later.***
- ***Throughout*** means over a **whole period of time** or in **every part** of a **place**, e.g. ***She was asleep throughout the film.; He is known throughout the world.***



Vocabulary

to run

to close down

apart from

rave reviews

abandoned

