

of

preposition WEAK /əv/ **UK** STRONG /ɒv/ WEAK /əv/ **US** STRONG /ɑːv/

of preposition (POSSESSION)

A1 used to show possession, belonging, or origin:

a friend of mine

the president of the United States

employees of the company

the colour of his hair

a habit of mine

that revolting dog of hers

the love of a good woman

the complete plays of (= written by) Lorca

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Those seats are reserved for senior members of the club.

He was elected Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe.

What's the name of that plant?

Sean doesn't like the smell of garlic.

Troops shot dead the leader of the rebels in an attack last night.

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of preposition (AMOUNT)

A1 used after words or phrases expressing amount, number, or a particular unit:

a kilo of apples

loads of food

hundreds of people

most of them

none of them

both of us

a third of all people

a speck of dust

a drop of rain

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of *preposition* (CONTAINING)

A1 containing:

a bag of sweets

a bottle of beer

a book of short stories

a class of idiots

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of *preposition* (POSITION)

A2 used in expressions showing position:

the top of his head

the back of your dress

on the corner of the street

the front of the queue

I've never been north of Philadelphia.

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of *preposition* (TYPICAL)

typical or characteristic of:

She has the face of an angel.

That guy's got the personality of a dead fish!

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of preposition (DAYS)

A1 used to refer to a particular date in a month:

the eleventh of March

the first of the month

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of preposition (MADE OF)

made or consisting of; having:

dressess of lace and silk

plates of gold and silver

a land of ice and snow

a woman of great charm

a subject of very little interest

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of preposition (WITH ADJECTIVES/VERBS)

used to connect particular adjectives and verbs with nouns:

fond of swimming

sick of his excuses

scared of spiders

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of preposition (JUDGMENT)

B2 used after an adjective when judging someone's behaviour:

*It was mean of you **to** mention her weight*

Thank you so much for my present. How thoughtful of you.

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of preposition (RELATING TO)

C1 about; relating to:

Speaking of Elizabeth, here she is.

One of the advantages of travelling by train is being able to read.

Let us consider the events of the last five months.

Of her childhood we know very little.

FORMAL And what of (= tell me about) young Adrian? How is he?

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of preposition (THAT IS/ARE)

that is/are:

the problem of homelessness

a rise of two percent in inflation

the skill of negotiating

the difficulty of bringing up twins

the pain of separation

At the age of six she could read a newspaper.

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of preposition (DONE TO)

done to:

the massacre of hundreds of innocent people

the oppression of a nation

the destruction of the rain forest

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of preposition (FELT BY)

felt or experienced by:

the suffering of millions

the anguish of the murdered child's parents

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of preposition (THROUGH)

B1 through; having as the cause:

He died of cancer.

I didn't have to go there - I did it of my own free will.

I want to know how it happened because it certainly didn't happen of itself.

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of preposition (COMPARING)

A2 used when comparing related things:

I liked the green one best of all .

Worst of all was the food!

He's the best looking of the three brothers.

I think that of all his books it's my favourite.

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of preposition (TIME)

US **used in saying what the time is:**

It's ten (minutes) of five (= ten minutes before five o'clock).

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of *preposition* (SEPARATE FROM)

used in expressions showing distance from something in place or time:

We live within a mile of the school.

She came within two seconds of beating the world record.

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of *preposition* (LOSS)

used in expressions showing loss:

They were robbed of all their savings.

I feel I've been deprived of your company.

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of *preposition* (DURING)

OLD-FASHIONED **during:**

I like to relax with a pipe of an evening.

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Grammar

Of

Of is a preposition. ...

Possessive 's

We use apostrophe s ('s), also called possessive s, as a determiner to show that something belongs to someone or something: ...

Possessives with of

...

's or of or either?

There are some general rules about when to use s and when to use of but there are many cases where both are possible: ...

Possession: typical errors

...

Idiom(s)

of all

people/things/places