

Prepositions

PREPOSITIONS OF DEVICE

Prepositions of Device - Introduction

Prepositions of device are used to describe technologies, machines and devices.

They are also called prepositions of instrument.

The prepositions of device are 'by', 'with' and 'on'.

Prepositions of Device - by

We often use 'by' when referring to transportation methods.

- I usually travel to work *by* car.
- Bill travelled from one end of the country to the other *by* train.
- He completed the last part *by* foot.
- Sally finds travelling *by* plane to be very stressful.

Prepositions of Device - with

We often use 'with' when referring to machines and other devices.

- Paul cut the grass *with* a lawnmower.
- The lock can be opened *with* the proper key.
- The manager can open any door *with* the master key.
- It's easy to whip cream *with* a whisk.

Prepositions of Device - on

We often use 'on' when referring to machines and other devices.

- I wrote the letter *on* the computer.
- Penny likes riding *on* her motorbike.
- You can call me *on* my mobile (cell) phone at any time.
- John cut the wood to size *on* the band saw.