

# Prepositions

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PREPOSITIONS OF AGENCY

# Prepositions of Agency - Introduction

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Prepositions of agency describe something that causes (or caused) something to happen.

They are usually written in the passive voice.

The prepositions of agency are 'by' and 'with'.

# Prepositions of Agency - by

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We use 'by' for people or animals.

➤ The house was designed *by* an architect.

➤ (An architect designed the house)

➤ I was bitten *by* my neighbour's dog.

➤ (My neighbour's dog bit me)

➤ The boy's room was tidied *by* his mother.

➤ (The boy's mother tidied his room)

# Prepositions of Agency - with

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We use 'with' for things.

- The bread was cut *with* a knife.
- (A knife cut the bread)
  
- The bucket is filled *with* dirty water.
- (Dirty water fills the bucket)
  
- The gnats were repelled *with* insect spray.
- (Insect spray repelled the gnats)