

Prepositions

PREPOSITIONS OF ORIGIN

Prepositions of Origin - Introduction

The prepositions of origin are 'from' and 'of'.

We use them to describe something's origin.

This includes nationality, hometown and ethnicity.

It also includes where something was designed or built.

Prepositions of Origin - from

We use 'from' more commonly than 'of'.

- This whisky is *from* Scotland.
- Jimmy and Morag are also *from* Scotland.
- Specifically, they're *from* Glasgow.
- Billy got a new computer *from* his parents.

Prepositions of Origin - of

We use 'of' in more formal situations.

We also use it when being humorous.

- Many Americans are *of* European descent.
- We could say “*of* the Caucasian persuasion”, instead.
- I think the AK47 rifle is *of* Russian origin.