

PREPOSITION



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What is Preposition?

A preposition is a word which expresses relationship of a noun or a pronoun to other words of the sentence.

e.g. 'in, of, to, at, by, for, with, under, above, into, onto, upon, about, behind, beside, before, after, towards, inside, outside, below, around' are commonly used examples of prepositions.

There are six types of prepositions:

1. Prepositions for Time
2. Prepositions for Place
3. Prepositions for Direction
4. Prepositions for Agent
5. Prepositions for Instruments
6. Prepositions for Phrases

Prepositions for Time

These preposition are used to refer to time in various aspects. e.g. at, on, in.

Prepositions	Time Nature
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Months or Years e.g. in March, in 2006.2. Particular time of a day or a month or an year e.g. in evening, in morning, in winter, in summer.3. A century or a specific time in past or future etc e.g. in early days, in the store age, in future, in past.
On	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Day e.g. on Sunday2. Dates e.g. on 7th of February3. Particular days e.g. on my birthday, on independence Day,
At	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Time of a clock e.g. at 3 O' clock, at 4:20 PM2. Short & precise times e.g. at night, at sunset, at noon, at lunch time, at a moment, at bed time

Examples:

1. She was born in 1986.

2. His father died in 2005 in a car accident.
3. I was very happy on the first day of my Job.
4. We went to see glaciers in the summer.
5. The party will start at 8 PM.
6. They will come here on the 15th February.
7. Everyone takes breakfast in the morning.

Prepositions for Place

These prepositions are used for several of types of places. e.g on, at, in.

“In” is mostly used for a place having some sort of (physical or virtual) boundary.

“On” is usually used for a surface.

“At” is usually used for a specific place.

repositions	Nature of the Places
In	Place having some (physical or virtual) boundary Examples: In a hall In a school In England In a garden In the box
On	Surfaces of things Examples: On the table On the page On a wall On a roof
At	Specific Places: Examples: At bus stop At the entrance At front of the chair At the bottom of glass

Examples:

1. They live in England.
2. They placed their books on a table.

3. I met him at the bus stop.
4. There is a cat under the table.
5. They were running on the road.
6. The sandwich over there.
7. The key is locked inside the car.
8. They stepped outside the house.
9. He is waving at you from below the stairs.
10. The boy is sitting beside the girl.
11. The thief was standing behind us.
12. The sun is directly above our head.

Prepositions for Direction

These Prepositions express the direction of something. e.g. into, to, through towards

Examples:

1. They are going to classroom.
2. The snake was coming towards her.
3. He threw a ball into a river.

Prepositions for Agent

These prepositions are used to express a causal relationship between the noun(doer) and an action e.g. by, with etc

Examples:

1. A nice book was written by John Keats.
2. A lot of noise was made by the kids.
3. The task was finished by him.
4. I am with you.

Prepositions for Instrument, Device or Machine

Such Prepositions are used for joining noun (instruments, device, machines etc) to other words in the sentence. e.g. by, with the help of, etc.

Examples:

1. He went to home by a car.

2. This lock cannot be opened with the key.
3. She watered the plants with the help of a water-pipe.
4. He broke the wall with a hammer.
5. You can not catch a big fish with a small rod.

Prepositions for Phrases

A prepositional phrase is a group of words consisting of a preposition, its object, and any words that modify the object. e.g. in time, with that guy1.

Examples:

1. He arrived in time.
2. Is she really going out with that guy?