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Prepositions show the relationship between a noun (or a pronoun) and another word in a sentence.

For example:

- Your book is **on** the table.
- My book is **beside** the table.
- He read the book **during** class.

Some examples of prepositions:

About	Above	Across	After	Against	Along	Among	At	Around
Before	Behind	Below	Beneath	Beside	Between	Beyond	But	By
Despite	Down	During	Except	For	From	In	Inside	Into
Like	Near	Of	Off	On	Onto	Out	Outside	Over
Past	Since	Through	Throughout	Among	From	Till	To	Toward
Under	Underneath	Until	Up	Upon	With	Within	Without	Worth

Simple Prepositions are the single word prepositions.

Compound Prepositions are the prepositions which are made of more than one word. For example, "in between" and "because of" are prepositions of two words. Similarly, "in front of" and "on behalf of" are prepositions made up of three words.

Example:

- The book you are looking for is **in between** "War and Peace" and "The Lord of The Rings".
- The book is **in front of** the desk.
- The men climbed the mountain **without** fear.
- There were celebrations **throughout** the land when the government was defeated.

Preposition of Time

The table contains the rules of usage for some of the commonly used prepositions of time.

Preposition	Usage	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● months, seasons● time of day● year● after a certain period of time (when?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● in June● in the evening● in 2004● in an hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● days (of the week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● on Friday

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for night • for weekend • for a certain point in time (when?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at night • at the weekend • at half past nine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a certain point of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since 1883
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over a certain period of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earlier than a certain point of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before 1996
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a certain time in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 years ago
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ten past 7 (7:10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ten to 5 (4:50)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to/till/until 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marking the beginning and the end of a period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Friday to/till Monday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • till/until 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the sense that how long something is going to last 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he is on holiday until Tuesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the sense of at the latest • up to a certain time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be back by 4 o'clock. • By 10 o'clock, I had read 7 pages.

Preposition of Place

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">book, paper etcroom, building, street, town, countrycar, taxipicture, world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">in the bookin the kitchen, in Londonin the car, in a taxiin the picture, in the world
<ul style="list-style-type: none">at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">next to, by an objectfor tablefor eventsplace where you are to do something typical (watch a movie, study, work etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at the door, at the stationat the tableat a concertat a party
<ul style="list-style-type: none">on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">attachedfor a place with a riverbeing on a surfacefor a certain side (left, right)for a floor in a housefor public transportfor television, radio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the picture on the wallDelhi lies on the Yamuna.on the tableon the lefton the first flooron the bus, on a planeon TV, on the radio
<ul style="list-style-type: none">by, next to, beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">left or right of somebody or something	<ul style="list-style-type: none">John is standing next to, by, beside the car.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">on the ground, lower than, covered by... something else	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The dog is under the table.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">lower than something but above ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The fish are swimming below the surface

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something else covers it • means more than • going to the other side (also across) • to overcome an obstacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put a coat over your shirt. • over fourteen years of age. • go over the bridge. • jump over the wall.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher than something else however not directly over it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a road above the lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • across 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • going to the other side. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go across the bridge • swim across the pond.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something with limits on the sides, bottom and top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walk through the tunnel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement to a person or a building • movement to a place or a country • for going to bed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go to the theater • go to Delhi/India • go to bed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • into 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when entering a room or a building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go into the drawing room/ house
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • towards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement in the general direction of something but not directly to it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go 10 steps towards the tree
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • onto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement to the top of some object 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jump onto the bed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the sense "where from" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a fish from the lake

