

List of Prepositions

English language: A list of common prepositions.

Prepositions of Time

English	Explanation / Meaning	Examples
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> days (of the week) & dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>on Sunday; on May 1st; on Christmas Eve; on my mark; on the weekend (AmE.)</i>
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> months / seasons / year part of the day after a period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>in summer / in July / in 2017</i> <i>in the evening</i> <i>in an hour; in the future</i>
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a specific point of time exceptions (when?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>at 11:15 p.m.; at half past six</i> <i>at noon; at night; learned English at 42; at the weekend (BrE.); at first glance</i>
since	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a specific point in time until now (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>since 1980; since yesterday</i>
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> over a certain period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>for the first time in forever; for 3 years</i>
ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from now to a specific point in the past (now till past) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a second ago; a decade ago; a while ago</i>
during	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> throughout the course or duration of s.th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>during summer; during the vacation; during the discussion</i>
before	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> previous to in time; earlier than 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>before winter; before dawn; I have to talk to the client before I call my manager</i>
after	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsequent in time; at a later time than 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>after midnight; after tomorrow</i>
until (till)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to a certain point in time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>until Monday; I'll wait to call my manager until I hear from the client</i>
to / past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>ten to two (1:50) / ten past two (2:10)</i>
from / to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a starting point / an end point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>from the beginning; from now to eternity</i>
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not later than 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>by 12 o'clock; by next week</i>
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Prepositions of Place

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in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> position or state inside sth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>in London; in the book, in the mirror; in love</i>
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the area of ...; specific position an event (or a place related to it) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>at home; at the table; at my side</i> <i>at the party; at the cinema; at school</i>
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> position above in contact with for a certain side (left, right) the state or process of means of conveyance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>on the desk</i> <i>on the wall</i> <i>on the left side</i> <i>on leave; on fire; on the way on the phone; on TV; on the radio</i> <i>on trains; on the bus; on a plane</i>
off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a place or position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>off the table; off the wall; went off to Canada; got off the bus; turned off the TV</i>
by, beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at the side of; close to, next to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>by the door; beside the car; stand by me</i>
under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in a lower position; beneath the surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>under the table; under water</i>
over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in or at a position above more than 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>put sth. over a shirt; walk over sth.; over my dead body</i> <i>over 100 years; over ten miles</i>
below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in or to a lower place; beneath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>below the surface; below 20°; below the clouds</i>
above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> higher than sth. else; overhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>above the door; the clouds above; the problems cited above</i>
up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a lower towards a higher point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>up the hill; up there is a ...</i>
down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a descending direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>rolled down the hill; walking down the street</i>
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Prepositions of Directions / Movements

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across	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On, at, to or from the other side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>across the street; lines across the paper</i>
through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from one end or side to another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>through the tunnel; a tour through France</i>
to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a direction toward a person / thing toward a (given) state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>go to bed; move on to; face to face</i> <i>back to health; all the way to; to die for</i>
into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement to the inside / interior of to the condition, state, or form of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>went into the kitchen; crashed into a tree</i> <i>breaking into pieces; go into banking</i>
out of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from the inside to the outside no longer in the condition, state, or form of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>drag myself out of bed; out of nowhere</i> <i>out of town; out of order; out of fashion</i>
onto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement to the top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>jumped onto the table</i>
towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement in the direction of; or closer to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>towards the house; toward the future; toward peace</i>
from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a starting point; movement away from a source, a cause; a distinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>walked home from the station; traveled from NY to LA</i> <i>a note from the teacher; know right from wrong</i>

Other Prepositions

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of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> originating from, composed of, associated with, belonging to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>men of the north; a cup of coffee; the hand of God; that friend of yours</i>
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the name of; through the agency or action of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a book by Mark Twain; by myself; played by the rules; killed by a bullet; one by one they left; by car, by bus</i>
about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> estimation of quantity on the subject of ready to do sth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>about ten people; about two miles</i> <i>a book about English</i> <i>the chorus is about to sing</i>
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> indicates the object, aim or purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>happy for you; eager for fame; for one thing, ...; for heaven's sake</i>
with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the presence or use of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>with a friend; with cheese; with confidence; with a lot of ...; will be with you shortly; from Russia with love</i>