

# **English Language**

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# *PREPOSITIONS*

## Definition:-

Preposition is a word, which is used before a noun, a noun phrase or a pronoun , connecting it to another word.

# Kinds of Prepositions:



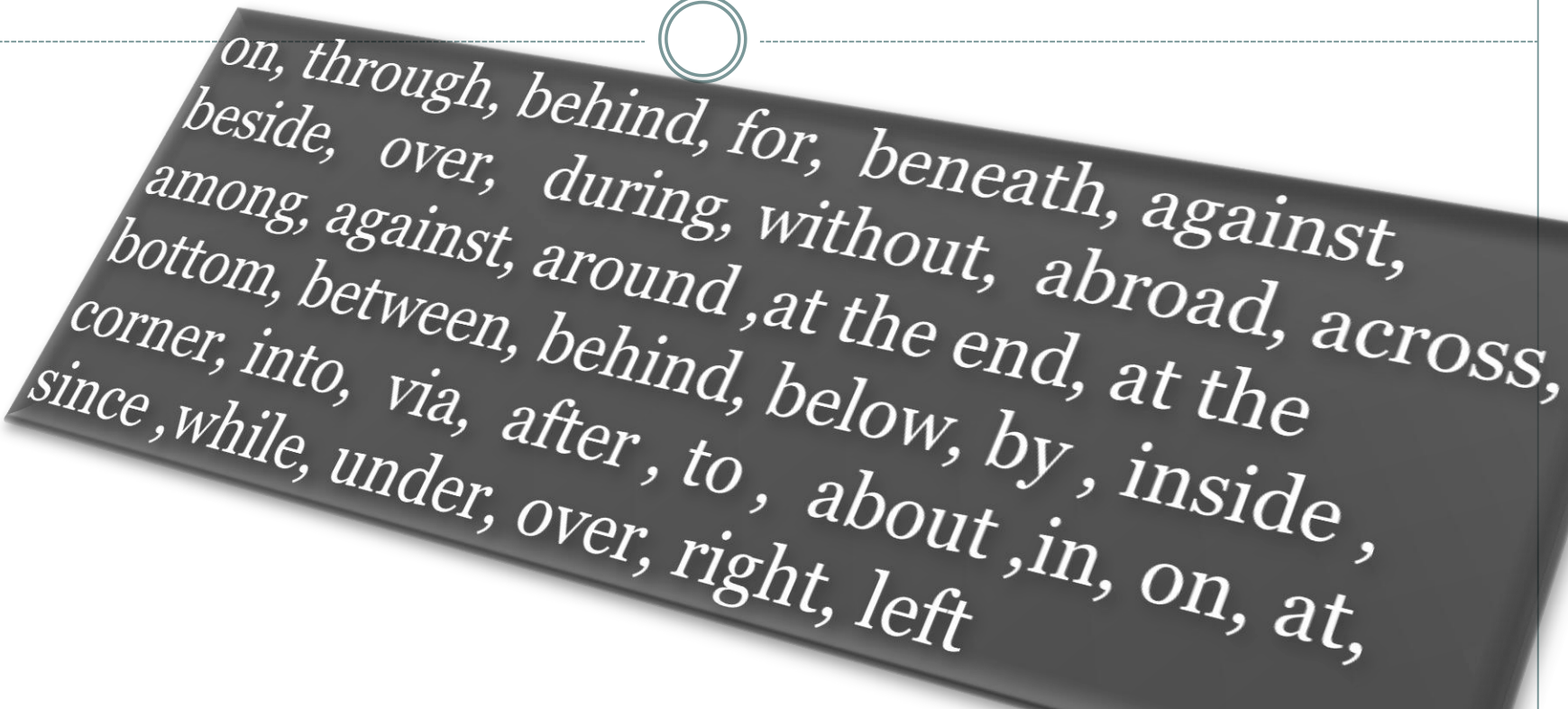
@ **Simple prepositions:** Prepositions which consists only one word.

e.g. in, on, at, with, against etc.,

@ **Compound prepositions:** Prepositions which consists of two or more words.

e.g. instead of, in the middle of, by the side of etc.,

# Some prepositions



on, through, behind, for, beneath, against,  
beside, over, during, without, abroad, across,  
among, against, around, at the end, at the  
bottom, between, behind, below, by, inside,  
corner, into, via, after, to, about, in, on, at,  
since, while, under, over, right, left

# Kinds of Prepositions



There are three types in prepositions

- ❖ **Place of Prepositions**
- ❖ **Time of Prepositions**
- ❖ **Direction of Prepositions**

# Prepositions of Place



**Some prepositions show where something happens. They are called prepositions of place.**

Examples:-

- ✨ Sanny was sitting under a tree.
- ✨ There's a wooden floor underneath the carpet.
- ✨ Some geese flew over their house.
- ✨ John and Sarah were hiding inside the wardrobe.
- ✨ There was a tree beside the river.
- ✨ I have a friend who lives in America.

# Prepositions of Time



**Some prepositions show when something happens. They are called prepositions of time.**

Examples:-

✚ School starts **at** nine o'clock.

✚ We're going to the zoo **on** Saturday.

✚ No, you can't watch a video. It's **past** your bedtime already.

✚ I visited my grandparents **during** the summer.

✚ You must finish the work **by** Friday.

✚ I'll do my homework **before** dinner.

# Prepositions of Direction



**Some prepositions show where something is going. They are called prepositions of direction.**

Examples:-

❏ The boys chased **after** each other.

❏ The football rolled **down** the hill.

❏ A man was walking his dog **along** the riverbank.

❏ The freeway goes **right** through the city.

❏ We were travelling **towards** Miami.



# Prepositions with special uses



## Usage of **OF**

- ❏ Our modules are full **of** real life examples.
- ❏ I ate a plate **of** rice and a quarter **of** milk.
- ❏ Would you like a glass **of** lemon juice?
- ❏ I need three pieces **of** paper.
- ❏ Most **of** the children in my class like Education.
- ❏ There are several ways **of** cooking Upma.

# Usage of “FOR”

- I made this bookmark for Mom.
- Is there room for me on this seat?
- I'd like a new computer for Christmas.
- We're going downtown for a meeting. I made this gift **for** my mother.
- Is there place **for** me on this seat?
- I'd like a new Laptop for Next year..

## Usage of “WITH”

- He pounds nails with a hammer.
- Mix the flour with water.
- She painted the picture with her new paints.
- Would you like to come with us to the cinema?
- I can do difficult problems with help from Mom.
- Who is the man with the beard?

## Usage of “EXCEPT” AND “INSTEAD OF”

◆ I like all kinds of food **except** Upma.

◆ Everyone likes chocolate **except** Tom.

◆ We go to school every day **except** Saturday and Sunday.

◆ You should eat fruit **instead of** candy.

◆ Dad is coming to the theater with us **instead of** Mom.

◆ We could watch TV **instead of** reading our books.

## Usage of “LIKE”, “AS” and “THEN”

- Kathleen looks like her dad.
- Andrew smiles like his mother.
- Peter sings like a professional singer.
- Are these shoes the same as those?
- Sue is nearly as tall as the teacher.
- My backpack is bigger than John's.
- Dad is taller than all of us.
- This painting is more beautiful than that one.
- The neighborhood streets are less busy than downtown streets.

# Prepositions with Adjective , Verbs .

**Prepositions are used with some adjectives. The adjectives in these examples are printed in color.**

- ❁ Dad was **angry** with us.
- ❁ We were **afraid** of the big dog.
- ❁ She's not very **interested** in sports.
- ❁ John is very **good** at drawing.
- ❁ Mr. Lee is **pleased** with our work.
- ❁ The teachers are always **kind** to us.
- ❁ What's **wrong** with the computer?

**Prepositions are used with some verbs. The verbs in these examples are printed in color.**

- ✖ I'm **looking** **for** my pencil. Have you seen it?
- ✖ Can you **think** **of** another word for 'pleased'?
- ✖ Does this book **belong** **to** you?
- ✖ We're **listening** **to** CDs.
- ✖ I **agree** **with** you.
- ✖ **Tell** me **about** the show you saw.
- ✖ **Cut** the cake **into** five pieces.
- ✖ They **borrowed** money **from** the bank.

**Prepositions are used with some nouns. The nouns in these examples are printed in color.**

- What's the **answer** to this question?
- Is there a **reason** for this delay?
- What's the **matter** with you?
- Here's an **example** of good behavior.
- **Congratulations** on winning the competition!
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# TRY THIS:

1. A cat was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the roof of my car. (place)
2. Some people were talking \_\_\_\_\_ the movie. (time)
3. A man was coming \_\_\_\_\_ us on his bike. (direction)
4. The party starts \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock. (time)
5. She put the book \_\_\_\_\_ her bag. (place)
6. We walked \_\_\_\_\_ the street to the park. (place)
7. She keeps her slippers \_\_\_\_\_ her bed. (place)
8. We always wash our hands \_\_\_\_\_ meals. (time)
9. She ran \_\_\_\_\_ the dog because she was frightened.  
(direction)