



# Preposition in English

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Preposition is one of the [eight parts of speech](#) in [English Grammar](#). Prepositions are the words that link nouns and pronouns to object or other words in a sentence. Preposition words **describe time, place, direction, manner and cause** of the event mentioned in the [sentences](#). Some of the common **Preposition examples** are in, on, at, under, above, over, below, between, across, etc.

### What is Preposition?

Preposition are the words placed before nouns and pronouns to describe time, place, direction, location or object. Sentences in English often seem incomplete without the use of prepositions.

**Example:** “*I have put my shoes*” becomes complete when used with prepositions such as “*I have put on my shoes*” or “*I have put my shoes in the rack*”.

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### Definition of Preposition & its Origin

Oxford Dictionary defines Preposition as “a word or phrase used before a [noun](#) or [pronoun](#) to show place, time, direction, etc.”

**Pronunciation:** /preh-puh-zi-shn/

**Origin:** Derived from Latin praepositio(n-) meaning “a putting before.”

### Types of Prepositions with Examples

Have a look at the types of Prepositions with examples below:

**Preposition of Place:** Indicates location or position, such as on the bed, across the road, etc.

**Preposition of Time:** Shows when an event occurs, such as on Monday, within three hours, etc.

**Preposition of Direction:** Describes movement or direction, for example, towards the school, across the street, etc.

**Preposition of Manner:** Indicates how something happens. For example, fought with courage, played like a champion, etc.

**Preposition of Cause, Reason & Purpose:** Explains the reason why something happens. Examples: fell ill because of the weather, event cancelled due to the rains, etc.

### Other Preposition Types

- Preposition of Agency & Instrumentality
- Preposition of Possession
- Preposition of Measure, Standard, Rate & Value
- Preposition of Contrast & Concession

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## Kinds of Prepositions

There are different kinds of Prepositions in English Grammar in terms of their structure. English Prepositions can be of the following kinds:

Kind of Preposition	Meaning	Example
<b>Simple Prepositions</b>	Single-word prepositions	in, on, at, by, to, with
<b>Compound Prepositions</b>	Words formed by prefixing preposition to noun/adjective/adverb	without, behind, among, across
<b>Phrase Prepositions</b>	Groups of words working as a single preposition	according to, because of, in case of, in front of
<b>Participle Prepositions</b>	Verbs that function as Prepositions in sentences	during, regarding, pending, concerning
<b>Double Prepositions</b>	Two simple prepositions combined	into, onto, out of, up to

## English Grammar Rules for Prepositions

Have a look at the **English grammar Proposition rules** below:

- A preposition governs a noun or pronoun.
- Prepositions must be used before an object (Noun or Pronoun)
- Prepositions to be used at the end in case of Relative and Interrogative Pronouns
- Object to Preposition can be an [Adverb of Place](#) or Time
- Prepositions can follow the [Verbs](#)
- Same Prepositions describe different functions based on their usage
- Use of at for group activities, shops, workplaces, and house numbers
- Certain Verbs, Nouns, and [Adjectives](#) are always followed by Prepositions

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## 10 Preposition Examples

Here are the 10 examples of Prepositions in sentence form:

1. Rohan lives **across** the street.
2. The cat climbed **up** the tree.
3. The water is **under** the bridge now.
4. She goes to church **on** Sundays.
5. Rhea did not attend the wedding **as she fell ill**.
6. There is a lizard **in** the room.
7. Carry your bags **along with** you.
8. Do not come to school **without** notebook.
9. It is humid **during** the monsoons.
10. The dog jumped **into** the pool.

Understanding Prepositions is crucial for school exams, entrance exams, competitive exams and management exams.