

Prepositions

Time prepositions

Preposition	Usage	Example
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">days of the week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">on Wednesday
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">month / seasonstime of the dayyearafter a certain period of time (when?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">in June / in summerin the eveningin 2007in an hour
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">for the nightfor the week endat a certain point in time (when?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at nightat the weekendat half past ten
since	<ul style="list-style-type: none">from a certain point in time (from the past to the present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">since 1990
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">for a certain period of time (past to present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">for 4 years
ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at some point in the past	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 years ago
before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">before a certain date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">before 2011
to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">tell the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ten to five (4:50)
past	<ul style="list-style-type: none">tell the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ten past seven (7:10)
to / till / until	<ul style="list-style-type: none">mark the beginning and end of a time period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">from Monday to/till Friday
till / until	<ul style="list-style-type: none">up to a certain point in time (duration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">He is on holiday until thursday.
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at the latestup to a certain point	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I will be back by 4 o'clock.By 10 o'clock, I had

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		read six pages.

Location prepositions (position and direction)

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in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> room, building, street, city, city, country book, paper etc.... car, taxi in a photo, in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the kitchen, in Paris in the book in the car, in a taxi in the picture, in the world
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> next to an object at the table to an event a place to do something specific (cinema, study, work) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at the door, at the station at the table at a concert, at the party at the cinema, at school, at work
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> attached a place with a river placed on a surface for a certain side (right or left) one floor in public transport on TV, radio.... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the picture on the wall London lies on the Thames. on the table on the left on the first floor on the bus, on a plane on TV, on the radio
by, next to, beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to the left or right of someone or something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom is standing by/ next to /beside the car.
under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the ground, lower (or covered) by something else 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the bag is under the table
below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> underwater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the dolphins are below the surface
over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> covered by something more than.... go to the other side (= across) overcome an obstacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> put a jacket over your shirt over 18 years of age walk over the bridge climb over the wall

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above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> higher than anything else but not directly on it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a path above the lake
across	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> go to the other side (= over) go to the opposite side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> walk across the bridge swim across the lake
through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> something limited, surrounded on all sides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drive through the tunnel
to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movements to a specific place travel to a city, country go to bed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> go to the cinema go to London / Thailand go to bed
into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enter a room/building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> go into the kitchen / the house
towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement towards something (but not directly towards it) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> go 6 steps towards the house
onto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement at the top of something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> jump onto the table
from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that comes from somewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a flower from the garden

Other important prepositions

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from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> who gave it to him/her 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a present from Tina
of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> who/what it belongs to what it shows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a page of the book the picture of a castle
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> who did it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a book by Shakespeare
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> walking or riding a horse enter public transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on foot, on horseback get on the bus
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> getting into a car/taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> get in the car

Preposition	Utilisation	Example
off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> getting off a plane/bus/train etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> get off the train
out of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> getting out of a car/taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> get out of the taxi
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> decrease or increase travel (other than on foot/horse) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prices have risen by 15 percent by car, by bus, by plane
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at what age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she learned Japanese at 45
about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> we were talking about you