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COIMBATORE-35  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

## PREPOSITIONS

A preposition is defined as “a word that connects a noun, a noun phrase, or a pronoun to another word, esp. to a verb, another noun, or an adjective”

### Types of Prepositions

**Prepositions of Time** – used to show when something is happening.

- We will be meeting **on** Friday.
- The supermarket will be closed **from** 9 p.m. **to** 9 a.m

**Prepositions of Place** – indicate the place or position of something.

For example:

- I have kept the book I borrowed from you **on** the table.
- Henry hid **behind** the door.

**Prepositions of Direction** – used to denote the direction in which something travels or moves.

For example:

- The girl ran **toward** her father the moment she saw him.
- Jerry jumped **into** the river to help his sister.

**Prepositions of Location** – employed to denote the location of a particular object.

For example:

- Kenny would be staying **at** his cousin’s place for the weekend.
- Make sure you keep all the toys back **in** its place after you play.

**Prepositions of Spatial Relationship** – used to denote an object’s movement away from the source and towards a source.

- kavya sat leaning **against** the wall.
- The circus was stationed **opposite** the children’s park.
- Lakshmi sat **beneath** the trees

**Prepositional Phrase** – a combination of a preposition and a noun.



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- Make sure you fill in all the forms **at once**.
- Salmaan was able to finish it only **with the help** of his friends.

### Sentences with prepositions of place and direction

Preposition	Use	Sentences
<b>above</b>	higher than sth.	The picture hangs <b>above</b> my bed.
<b>across</b>	from one side to the other side	You mustn't go <b>across</b> this road here.
		There isn't a bridge <b>across</b> the river.
<b>after</b>	one follows the other	The cat ran <b>after</b> the dog.
		<b>After</b> you.
<b>against</b>	directed towards sth.	The bird flew <b>against</b> the window.
<b>along</b>	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking <b>along</b> the beach.
<b>among</b>	in a group	I like being <b>among</b> people.



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Preposition	Use	Sentences
<b>around</b>	in a circular way	We're sitting <b>around</b> the campfire.
<b>at*</b>	position at a point	I arrived <b>at</b> the meeting.
<b>behind</b>	at the back of	Our house is <b>behind</b> the supermarket.
<b>below</b>	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres <b>below</b> sea level.
<b>beside</b>	next to	Our house is <b>beside</b> the supermarket.
<b>between</b>	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is <b>between</b> the supermarket and the school.
<b>by</b>	near	He lives in the house <b>by</b> the river.
<b>close to</b>	near	Our house is <b>close to</b> the supermarket.
<b>down</b>	from high to low	He came <b>down</b> the hill.



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<b>from</b>	the place where it starts	Do you come <b>from</b> Tokyo?
<b>in front of</b>	the part that is in the direction it faces	Our house is <b>in front of</b> the supermarket.
<b>inside</b>	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay <b>inside</b> the castle.
<b>in*</b>	place seen in three dimensions	We slept <b>in</b> the car.
	larger areas	I was born <b>in</b> England.
<b>into</b>	entering sth.	You shouldn't go <b>into</b> the castle.
<b>near</b>	close to	Our house is <b>near</b> the supermarket.
<b>next to</b>	beside	Our house is <b>next to</b> the supermarket.
<b>off</b>	away from sth.	The cat jumped <b>off</b> the roof.



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<b>on*</b>	touches a surface	There is a fly <b>on</b> the table.
	is seen as a point on a line	We were <b>on</b> the way from Paris to Rome.
	by a lake or sea	London lies <b>on</b> the Thames.
	public transport	We should get <b>on</b> the bus.
<b>onto</b>	moving to a place	The cat jumped <b>onto</b> the roof.
<b>opposite</b>	on the other side	Our house is <b>opposite</b> the supermarket.
<b>out of</b>	leaving sth.	The cat jumped <b>out of</b> the window.
<b>outside</b>	opposite of inside	Can you wait <b>outside</b> ?
<b>over</b>	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped <b>over</b> the wall.
<b>past</b>	going near sth./sb.	Go <b>past</b> the post office.



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<b>round</b>	in a circle	We're sitting <b>round</b> the campfire.
<b>through</b>	going from one point to the other point	You shouldn't walk <b>through</b> the forest.
<b>to</b>	towards sth./sb.	I like going <b>to</b> Australia.
		Can you come <b>to</b> me?
		I've never been <b>to</b> Africa.
<b>towards</b>	in the direction of sth.	We ran <b>towards</b> the castle.
<b>under</b>	below sth.	The cat is <b>under</b> the table.
<b>up</b>	from low to high	He went <b>up</b> the hill.

### Exercises

- I will be going ----- church ----- the morning.
- She placed the plates ----- the dining table.
- Baskar found the cat hiding ----- the bed.



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- Will you be -----Raimy or Mazeeka?
- I love sitting ----- the beach -----night.
- Rachel met Phoebe-----the lake.
- Finn stood -----Lisa.
- The grocery store is right -----the bus stop.
- My brother climbed ----- the roof.
- It feels great to sit ----- the trees and read.

### Answers:

- I will be going **to** church **in** the morning.
- She placed the plates **on** the dining table.
- Baskar found the cat hiding **under** the bed.
- Will you be **with** Raimy or Mazeeka?
- I love sitting **on** the beach **at** night.
- Rachel met Phoebe **by** the lake.
- Finn stood **opposite** Lisa.
- The grocery store is right **in front of** the bus stop.
- My brother climbed **onto** the roof.
- It feels great to sit **beneath** the trees and read.