



PREPOSITIONS

A preposition is a word or group of words that is used with a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to show direction, location, or time, or to introduce an object. Additionally, prepositions are used to connect a noun or pronoun to a verb or adjective in a sentence. There are many prepositions in English and it can be difficult to learn how to use them. Choosing the correct preposition is often a matter of learning the relevant collocation.

Grammar point	What you need to know.....				
<p>1. Commonly used prepositions</p>	about above across after against along among around at because of before behind	below beneath beside(s) between beyond by concerning despite down during except	excepting for from in in front of inside in spite of instead of into likened near of	off on onto out outside over past regarding since through throughout to	toward under underneath until up upon up to with within without with regard to with respect to
<p>2. Common verb + preposition and noun + preposition combinations</p>	<p>On to have an impact on something to spend time on something to be based on something (passive voice) to base something on something (active voice)</p> <p>With to spend time with someone</p> <p>To to respond to something/someone the way to connect to have relevance to something to be relevant to something to devote/pay attention to something/someone A response to a problem/concern/situation To pay attention to something/someone</p> <p>For to have the capacity for something</p>		<p>Of a way of connecting the amount of (mostly used for uncountable nouns) money/water the number of (for countable nouns) students/people a range of (for countable nouns) ideas to play the role of someone <i>but:</i> to play a role an analysis of something a concept of something To take advantage of</p> <p>From To benefit from something To derive from something</p> <p>In to engage in something To participate in</p> <p>By to be characterised by something</p>		

Useful links:

- Categories of prepositions with examples:
Purdue Online Writing Lab <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/594/01/>
- Prepositions in academic writing:
http://www.flinders.edu.au/slc_files/Documents/Yellow%20Guides/Prepositions.pdf

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