



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 <b>verb + preposition</b> and <b>noun + preposition</b> combinations</p>	<p><b>On</b> to have an impact <b>on</b> something to spend time <b>on</b> something to be based <b>on</b> something (passive voice) to base something <b>on</b> something (active voice)</p> <p><b>With</b> to spend time <b>with</b> someone</p> <p><b>To</b> to respond <b>to</b> something/someone the way <b>to</b> connect to have relevance <b>to</b> something to be relevant <b>to</b> something to devote/pay attention <b>to</b> something/someone A response <b>to</b> a problem/concern/situation To pay attention <b>to</b> something/someone</p> <p><b>For</b> to have the capacity <b>for</b> something</p>		<p><b>Of</b> a way <b>of</b> connecting the amount <b>of</b> (mostly used for uncountable nouns) money/water the number <b>of</b> (for countable nouns) students/people a range <b>of</b> (for countable nouns) ideas to play <b>the</b> role <b>of</b> someone <i>but:</i> to play a role an analysis <b>of</b> something a concept <b>of</b> something To take advantage <b>of</b></p> <p><b>From</b> To benefit <b>from</b> something To derive <b>from</b> something</p> <p><b>In</b> to engage <b>in</b> something To participate <b>in</b></p> <p><b>By</b> to be characterised <b>by</b> something</p>		

### Useful links:

- Categories of prepositions with examples:  
University of South Australia  
[https://lo.unisa.edu.au/pluginfile.php/499297/mod\\_resource/content/2/Prepositions%2ocategories\\_Nov%202015.pdf](https://lo.unisa.edu.au/pluginfile.php/499297/mod_resource/content/2/Prepositions%2ocategories_Nov%202015.pdf)  
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%2oGuides/Prepositions.pdf](http://www.flinders.edu.au/slc_files/Documents/Yellow%2oGuides/Prepositions.pdf)

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