

PREPOSITIONS

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ENGLISH	USAGE	EXAMPLE
• ON	• DAYS OF THE WEEK	• ON MONDAY
• IN	• MONTHS / SEASONS • TIME OF DAY • YEAR • AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME (<i>WHEN?</i>)	• IN AUGUST / IN WINTER • IN THE MORNING • IN 2006 • IN AN HOUR
• AT	• FOR <i>NIGHT</i> • FOR <i>WEEKEND</i> • A CERTAIN POINT OF TIME (<i>WHEN?</i>)	• AT NIGHT • AT THE WEEKEND • AT HALF PAST NINE
• SINCE	• FROM A CERTAIN POINT OF TIME (PAST TILL NOW)	• SINCE 1980
• FOR	• OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME (PAST TILL NOW)	• FOR 2 YEARS
• AGO	• A CERTAIN TIME IN THE PAST	• 2 YEARS AGO
• BEFORE	• EARLIER THAN A CERTAIN POINT OF TIME	• BEFORE 2004
• TO	• TELLING THE TIME	• TEN TO SIX (5:50)
• PAST	• TELLING THE TIME	• TEN PAST SIX (6:10)
• TO / TILL / UNTIL	• MARKING THE BEGINNING AND END OF A PERIOD OF TIME	• FROM MONDAY TO/TILL FRIDAY
• TILL / UNTIL	• IN THE SENSE OF <i>HOW LONG SOMETHING IS GOING TO LAST</i>	• HE IS ON HOLIDAY UNTIL FRIDAY.
• BY	• IN THE SENSE OF <i>AT THE LATEST</i> • UP TO A CERTAIN TIME	• I WILL BE BACK BY 6 O'CLOCK. • BY 11 O'CLOCK, I HAD READ FIVE PAGES.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROOM, BUILDING, STREET, TOWN, COUNTRY • BOOK, PAPER ETC. • CAR, TAXI • PICTURE, WORLD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN THE KITCHEN, IN LONDON • IN THE BOOK • IN THE CAR, IN A TAXI • IN THE PICTURE, IN THE WORLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEANING <i>NEXT TO, BY AN OBJECT</i> • FOR <i>TABLE</i> • FOR EVENTS • PLACE WHERE YOU ARE TO DO SOMETHING TYPICAL (WATCH A FILM, 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTACHED • FOR A PLACE WITH A RIVER • BEING ON A SURFACE • FOR A CERTAIN SIDE (LEFT, RIGHT) • FOR A FLOOR IN A HOUSE • FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT • FOR <i>TELEVISION, RADIO</i> 	<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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BY, NEXT TO, BESIDE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEFT OR RIGHT OF SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JANE IS STANDING BY / NEXT TO / BESIDE THE CAR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ON THE GROUND, LOWER THAN (OR COVERED BY) SOMETHING ELSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE BAG IS UNDER THE TABLE

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• BELOW	• LOWER THAN SOMETHING ELSE BUT ABOVE GROUND	• THE FISH ARE BELOW THE SURFACE
• OVER	• COVERED BY SOMETHING ELSE • MEANING <i>MORE THAN</i> • GETTING TO THE OTHER SIDE (ALSO <i>ACROSS</i>) • OVERCOMING AN OBSTACLE	• PUT A JACKET OVER YOUR SHIRT • OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE • WALK OVER THE BRIDGE • CLIMB OVER THE WALL
• ABOVE	• HIGHER THAN SOMETHING ELSE, BUT NOT DIRECTLY OVER IT	• A PATH ABOVE THE LAKE
• ACROSS	• GETTING TO THE OTHER SIDE (ALSO <i>OVER</i>) • GETTING TO THE OTHER SIDE	• WALK ACROSS THE BRIDGE • SWIM ACROSS THE LAKE
• THROUGH H	• SOMETHING WITH LIMITS ON TOP, BOTTOM AND THE SIDES	• DRIVE THROUGH THE TUNNEL
• TO	• MOVEMENT TO PERSON OR BUILDING • MOVEMENT TO A PLACE OR COUNTRY • FOR <i>BED</i>	• GO TO THE CINEMA • GO TO LONDON / IRELAND • GO TO BED
• INTO	• ENTER A ROOM / A BUILDING	• GO INTO THE KITCHEN / THE HOUSE
• TOWARDS	• MOVEMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF SOMETHING (BUT NOT DIRECTLY TO IT)	• GO 5 STEPS TOWARDS THE HOUSE
• ONTO	• MOVEMENT TO THE TOP OF SOMETHING	• JUMP ONTO THE TABLE
• FROM	• IN THE SENSE OF <i>WHERE FROM</i>	• A FLOWER FROM THE GARDEN

OTHER IMPORTANT PREPOSITIONS

ENGLISH	USAGE	EXAMPLE
• FROM	• WHO GAVE IT	• A PRESENT FROM JANE
• OF	• WHO/WHAT DOES IT BELONG TO • WHAT DOES IT SHOW	• A PAGE OF THE BOOK • THE PICTURE OF A PALACE
• BY	• WHO MADE IT	• A BOOK BY MARK TWAIN
• ON	• WALKING OR RIDING ON HORSEBACK • ENTERING A PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE	• ON FOOT, ON HORSEBACK • GET ON THE BUS
• IN	• ENTERING A CAR / TAXI	• GET IN THE CAR
• OFF	• LEAVING A PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE	• GET OFF THE TRAIN
• OUT OF	• LEAVING A CAR / TAXI	• GET OUT OF THE TAXI
• BY	• RISE OR FALL OF SOMETHING • TRAVELLING (OTHER THAN WALKING OR HORSERIDING)	• PRICES HAVE RISEN BY 10 PERCENT • BY CAR, BY BUS
• AT	• FOR AGE	• SHE LEARNED RUSSIAN AT 45
• ABOUT	• FOR TOPICS, MEANING <i>WHAT ABOUT</i>	• WE WERE TALKING ABOUT YOU