



Preposition



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A word or word phrase that shows a relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence is called preposition.

The relationships include direction, place, time, cause, manner and amount.

Examples:

The girl sitting **on** the last bench is very talkative.

The cat is sleeping **beneath** the chair.



Preposition

A preposition will tell four things:

- Where something is (location)
- Where something is going (direction)
- When something happens (time)
- The relationship between a noun/pronoun and another word in a sentence.



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Rules of use

- The Prepositions usually come before the noun.
- Prepositions can be used with all forms of nouns (e.g. collective nouns, pronouns)
- Prepositions can't come after a verb, but can be used before a gerund or verb in noun form.



Some Common one-word Prepositions

- **About**
- **Above**
- **Across**
- **After**
- **Below**
- **Along**
- **Alongside**
- **Among**
- **Before**
- **Beneath**
- **Against**
- **At**
- **Around**
- **Behind**
- **Beside(s)**
- **Between**
- **Beyond**
- **By**
- **Down**
- **During**

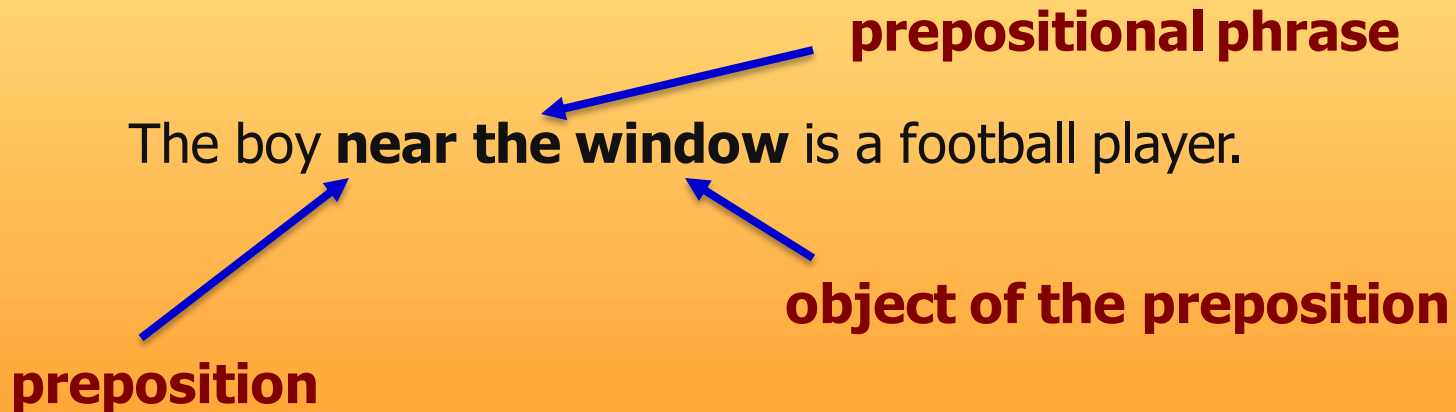


Some common Phrasal Prepositions

- **According to**
- **Because of**
- **In front of**
- **Instead of**
- **Across from**
- **In back of**
- **In place of**
- **Next to**

Prepositional Phrase

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a **preposition** and ends with a noun or a pronoun, which is called the **object of the preposition**.





Prepositional Phrase

- Starts with a preposition, ends with an object.
- The word or word group that the preposition introduces is its object.
- NO verbs will be in the phrase.



General Rules Regarding Certain Prepositions

Preposition of Time

- **'At'** is used with a definite point of time and festivals.

Example :

I usually get up **at** 5 o'clock.

- **'In'** is used with parts of the day, month, seasons and years.

Example :

He takes a walk **in** the afternoon.



Preposition of Time

- **'On'** is used with days and dates.

Example :

My brother will arrive **on** Monday.

- **'By'** refers to the latest time at which an action will be over.

Example :

The examination will be over **by** 5 pm.



Preposition of Position

- **'At'** refers to exact time.

Example :

I study **at** night.

- **'Between'** is used for two person or things.

Example :

She is standing **between** Sonu and Monu.



Preposition of Position

- '**Among**' is used with more than two persons or things
- And before the word which starts with a consonant letter.

Example:

Divide the sweets **among** the three boys.

- '**Amongst**' is also used with more than two persons or things
- And before the word which starts with a vowel letter.

Example:

Divide the sweets **amongst** us.



Preposition of Direction

- **'To'** is used to express motion from one place to another.

Example:

We walked **to** the river and back.

- **'Towards'** refers to particular direction.

Example:

He saw me running **towards** him.



Preposition of Direction

- **'For'** denotes direction.

Example:

I will leave **for** Pune today.

- **'From'** refers to the point of departure.

Example:

She parted **from** her friends with a very heavy heart.



Preposition of Direction

- **'Beside'** means by the side of

Example :

I sat down **beside** my friend.

- **'Besides'** means in addition to

Example:

Besides being a teacher, she is a skilled craftsman.



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