



# Prepositions

*Parts of speech*

# Objectives:

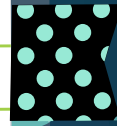


- ❖ to recognize prepositions and their objects
- ❖ to demonstrate correct usage of prepositions

# Preposition



A **preposition** is a word that connects one thing with another, showing how they are related.





Some prepositions show **where** something happens. They are called **prepositions of place**.



There's a big balloon  
**in** the sky.



Jane is jumping  
**into** the pool.



The books fell  
**off** the shelf.



## Example:

Dad always keeps his wallet **in** the drawer.

There is a long mirror **on** the wall.

The school is **near** the park.

There is an old castle **on** the hill.

The horse jumped **over** the hurdle.



A **preposition** is usually followed by a noun or pronoun.





Some prepositions show **when** something happens. They are called **prepositions of time**.



Many shops close **on** Sundays.



We always wash our hands **before** meals.



We watched the World Cup game **until** 2:00 A.M.



## Example:



Dad gets home **about**  
six **in** the evening.

We get up **in** the morning.

We go to bed **at** night.

It's always hot **in** summer.

The movie starts **at** two **in** the afternoon.

Autumn begins **in** September.

They were married **in** 1990.

Joe arrived **after** me.

It has not rained at all **for** two weeks.

Breakfast is served **at** seven o'clock.

Kevin and Joe have been in the same  
class **since** first grade.







Some prepositions show **where** something is going. They are called **prepositions of direction**.

The boys chased **after** each other.

The football rolled **down** the hill.

A man was walking his dog **along** the riverbank.

The freeway goes right **through** the city.

We were travelling **towards** Miami.




A girl went **past** them on a bike.

This road leads **away from** the stadium.


They watched the train pull **out of** the station.








# Prepositions with Special Uses



Many prepositions  
are used in other  
ways. Here are some  
of them.



of

I bought a bag **of** rice and a quart **of** milk.

Would you like a glass **of** orange juice?

Kathleen is a member **of** the chess club.

I need three pieces **of** paper.

Most **of** the children in my class like school.

There are several ways **of** cooking meat.



**for**

I made this bookmark **for** Mom.

Is there room **for** me on this seat?

I'd like a new computer **for** Christmas.

We're going downtown **for** a meeting.

What's this bag **for**?

This word is too difficult **for** me to spell.



**with**

He pounds nails in **with** a hammer.

Mix the flour **with** water.

She painted the picture **with** her new paints.

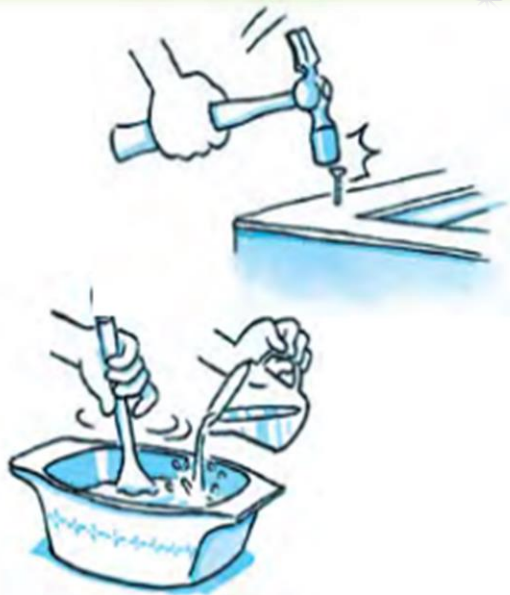
Would you like to come **with** us to the arcade?

I can do difficult problems **with** help from Mom.

Who is the man **with** the beard?

Michael came home **with** dirty hands.

Cross the busy street **with** care.



### **except and instead of**

I like all kinds of food **except** pasta.

Everyone likes chocolate **except** Tom.

We go to school every day **except** Saturday and Sunday.

You should eat fruit **instead of** candy.

Dad is coming to the theater with us **instead of** Mom.

We could watch TV **instead of** reading our books.



## like, as and than

The words **like**, **as** and **than** are used to compare things.

Kathleen looks **like** her dad.

Andrew smiles **like** his mother.

Peter sings **like** a professional singer.

Are these shoes the same **as** those?

Sue is nearly as tall **as** the teacher.

My backpack is bigger **than** John's.

Dad is taller **than** all of us.

This painting is more beautiful **than** that one.

The neighborhood streets are less busy **than** downtown streets.

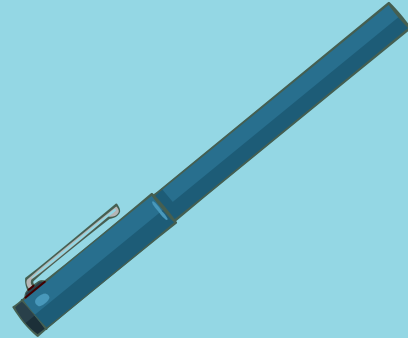




## Exercise 1.

**Underline the *prepositions* in the following sentences.**

- 1 The man fell off the ladder.
- 2 We have dinner at 7:30 P.M.
- 3 Tom was born on a Friday.
- 4 There are seven days in a week.
- 5 Sue is running after her dog.
- 6 Several people are waiting at the bus stop.
- 7 I received a letter from Sara yesterday.
- 8 Why are you still in bed?



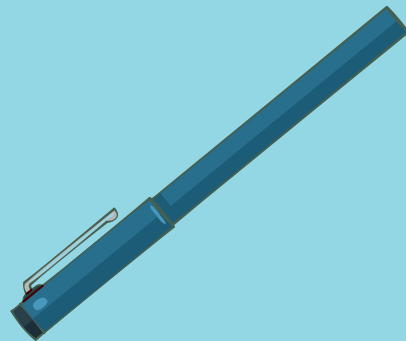
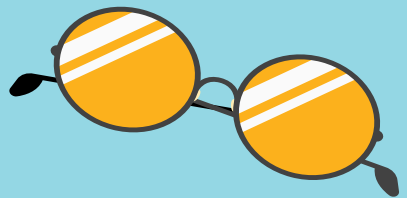


## Exercise 2.

Fill in the blanks with the correct *prepositions* from the box.

near	by	on	at	between
in	around	into	up	behind

- 1 The bus arrived \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 A.M.
- 2 The children are swimming \_\_\_\_\_ the pool.
- 3 There's a picture \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- 4 There is a fence \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- 5 Granny is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
- 6 Harold is hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.
- 7 Jack climbed \_\_\_\_\_ the beanstalk.
- 8 We divided the candy \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 9 I dived \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- 10 Don't go too \_\_\_\_\_ the edge.

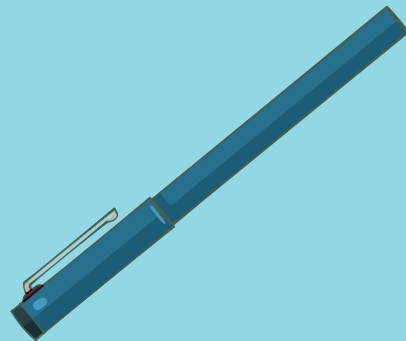


## Exercise 3.

Complete the following sentences with the **prepositions** from the box. The type of preposition you need is in parentheses. The first sentence has been done for you.

after	under	toward	during	on
in	before	at	away from	across

1. A cat was sitting on the roof of my car. (place)
2. Some people were talking \_\_\_\_\_ the movie. (time)
3. A man was coming \_\_\_\_\_ us on his bike. (direction)
4. The party starts \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock. (time)
5. She put the book \_\_\_\_\_ her bag. (place)
6. We walked \_\_\_\_\_ the street to the park. (place)
7. I'll be late for school! It's \_\_\_\_\_ nine o'clock already! (time)
8. She keeps her slippers \_\_\_\_\_ her bed. (place)
9. We always wash our hands \_\_\_\_\_ meals. (time)
10. She ran \_\_\_\_\_ the dog because she was frightened. (direction)



## Exercise 4.

Complete each sentence by using a **preposition** from the box.

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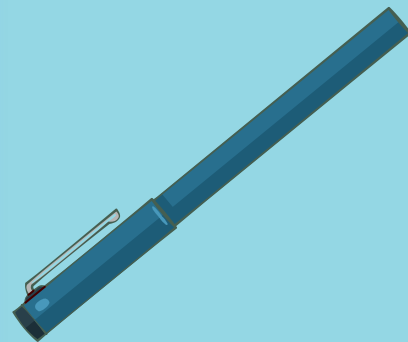
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1. We baked a cake \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's birthday.
2. All the boys went swimming \_\_\_\_\_ Tom.
3. Can I come \_\_\_\_\_ you to the beach?
4. Most \_\_\_\_\_ the children in my class like computer games.
5. Stir the sauce \_\_\_\_\_ a wooden spoon.
6. Would you like rice \_\_\_\_\_ pasta?
7. How many pounds \_\_\_\_\_ hamburger did you buy?
8. Dad is good at everything \_\_\_\_\_ cooking.
9. Children, what would you like \_\_\_\_\_ dinner?
10. Who's the lady \_\_\_\_\_ the long blonde hair?



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