What is a Preposition?

A preposition is a word, which is used to indicate different relations, such as place, time, method, manner, reason and purpose, possession, direction and motion. It is placed before a noun or a pronoun. The most common examples of prepositions in grammar are on, in, beside, etc. These words show location. Prepositions are often used to indicate location in the physical world.

| Preposition | Examples |
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| About | I will tell you a story about a lion. |
| Above | The plane flies above the clouds. |
| Across | They walked <i>across</i> the field. |
| After | After lunch, I shall complete the remaining task. |
| Against | I helped her going against the wishes of my loved ones. |
| Along | All along the way, she did not speak a word. |
| Among | The profit was shared among the shareholders. |
| Around | Due to the snow, we turned around to return home. |
| At | The land is at war with its neighbor. |
| Before | She had decided to quit before Christmas, but changed her plan. |
| Behind | The church is located behind the supermarket. |
| Below | The temperatures have dipped below freezing point. |
| Beneath | The water level is beneath the average level. |
| Beside | When we were in school, I used to sit beside her in class. |
| Besides | Besides maths, I am very fond of history. |
| Between | The profit was shared between the three of them. |
| Beyond | The play was beyond my expectations. |
| But | Everyone but her agreed with the arrangement. |
| Ву | A house by the sea, to retire, is my dream |
| Concerning | He is always curious about anything concerning her. |
| Despite | Despite the snowfall, she decided to carry on with her journey. |
| Down | Jimmy lives down the street. |

| During | She works <i>during</i> the day and studies at night. |
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| Except | Except her no one has any objections to the plan. |
| For | I jog for 10 miles everyday. |
| From | She comes from Argentina. |
| In | When in Rome, do as the Romans do. |
| Inside | Inside the tough exterior, lies a gentle soul. |
| Into | As soon as she stepped into the room, there was pin drop silence. |
| Like | She looks <i>like</i> her father. |
| Minus | Ten <i>minus</i> eight equals two. |
| Near | They have bought a new home <i>near</i> the school. |
| Of | A friend of mine recommended the beautician to me. |
| Off | To regain her lost health, it is important, she stays off her fad diet programs. |
| On | There is an apple on the table. |
| Onto | He always climbs onto the table. |
| Opposite | Her desk is located diagonally <i>opposite</i> my desk. |
| Out of | Out of sheer curiosity, I asked her the question. |
| Outside | Outside the house lies a beautiful garden. |
| Over | The journey cost me way over my budget. |
| Past | She walked <i>past</i> me, but refused to acknowledge my presence. |
| Per | What was the <i>per</i> person cost incurred? |
| Plus | Eight <i>plus</i> six equals fourteen. |
| Since | She was waiting for him <i>since</i> ten in the morning. |
| Through | I slept all through the day. |
| Throughout | Throughout winter, she has been sick. |
| To | I am going to Atlanta, before I head back home. |
| Toward (s) | It started raining towards the evening. |
| Under | The road is under repair. |
| Underneath | She found her earring <i>underneath</i> the carpet. |
| Until | I did not get the documents <i>until</i> 5 pm. |
| Upon | Once upon a time, there lived a king. |
| Up | I walked <i>up</i> the stairs, to see the problem. |
| Up to | The decision is <i>up to</i> the both of them. |
| Versus | The last game was England <i>versus</i> France. |
| Via | I will go via Sydney. |
| With | She walked in with her new boyfriend. |
| Within Without | She caters to customers within a radius of 5 miles. I pover leave my house without an umbrella, due to the uncertain weather. |
| Without | I never leave my house without an umbrella, due to the uncertain weather. |