



Preposition

What is a Preposition?

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

Example Sentences:

- My birthday falls on 17th August.
- The man is behind the woman.
- The cat jumped over the table.

Types of Prepositions

1. Prepositions of Time – Tell when something happens.

Preposition	Use Example
at	He will reach at 6 o'clock.
on	Our school reopens on Tuesday.
before	They reached before everyone.
since	It has been raining since morning.

2. Prepositions of Position / Place – Tell where something is.

Preposition	Use Example
on	The books are on the table.
under	The cat is under the table.
behind	The girl is behind the tree.
in front of	The garden is in front of the house.
between	The mouse is between the cat and dog.

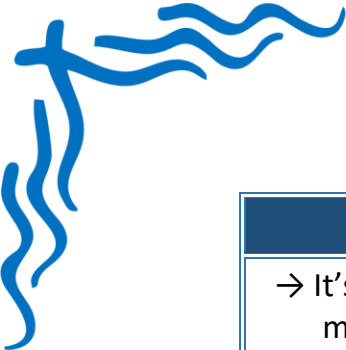


3. Prepositions of Direction / Movement – Show motion or direction.

Preposition	Use Example
down	He climbed down the tree.
out	The bird flew out of the cage.
past	She drives past the market daily.
through	She entered through the back door.
round	The car is parked round the corner.

Special Uses of Prepositions

Pair	Usage & Example
in / at	"in" = period of time / large place; "at" = point in time / small place
→ She lives in New Delhi.	
→ She arrived at 6 PM.	
with / by	"with" = instrument; "by" = agent in passive
→ He writes with a pen.	
→ He was punished by the teacher.	
on / upon	"on" = resting position; "upon" = movement
→ He sat on a chair.	
→ The lion sprang upon the deer.	
in / within	"in" = end of time period; "within" = before end
→ I will return in a year.	
→ He will return within a year.	
for / since	"for" = duration; "since" = point in time
→ I've been here for ten years.	



Pair	Usage & Example
→ It's been raining since morning.	
till / by	"till" = up to; "by" = not later than
→ Wait till 4 PM.	
→ Come back by 10 o'clock.	
between / among	"between" = 2 items; "among" = more than 2
→ Between Ram and Shyam	
→ Among the children	
beside / besides	"beside" = next to; "besides" = in addition
→ The shop is beside my house.	
→ Besides toys, he bought books.	

Practice Examples

Underline and label the kind of preposition:

1. The elephant is standing under a tree. (Position)
2. The teacher reached school on time. (Time)
3. The dog ran across the road. (Direction)
4. She always comes before 8 AM. (Time)
5. He jumped over the fence. (Direction)

Quick Tips to Remember

- **Prepositions of Time:** at, on, since, before
- **Prepositions of Place:** in, under, behind, between
- **Prepositions of Direction:** into, through, past, upon
- Use "**at**" for specific time & small places
- Use "**in**" for longer time & larger places
- Use "**by**" in passive voice; "**with**" for tools