



Prepositions

Definition

A preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence. These relationships can indicate time, place, direction, cause, manner, and instrumentality.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this chapter, students will be able to: The girls are waiting outside. (Where?)

- Understand the definition and function of prepositions.
- Identify different types of prepositions.
- Apply appropriate prepositions in sentences to show clear relationships.

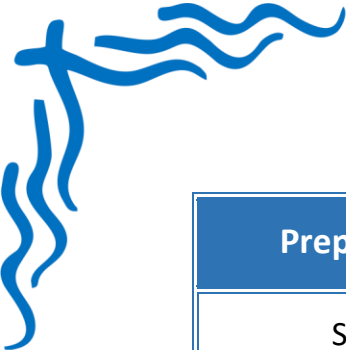
Types of Prepositions

Prepositions are generally categorized into three types:

Prepositions of Time

These show the time of an action or event.

Preposition	Usage	Example
At	Specific time	She gets up at 6 o'clock.
On	Days and dates	I arrived on Monday.
In	Months, years, parts of day, seasons	We do yoga in the morning.
By	Deadline	You should be back by 4 p.m.
For	Duration	He has been playing for five hours.

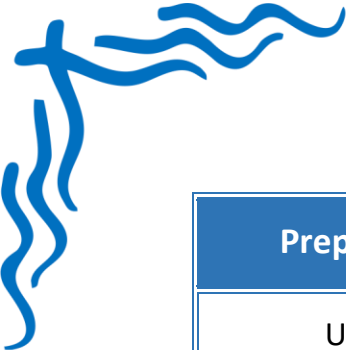


Preposition	Usage	Example
Since	Point of time (continuing till now)	It has been raining since morning.
From...to	Start and end of time	She waited from 9 to 12.
During	Specific period	He fell during the stunt.

Prepositions of Place

These indicate the location of people or things.

Preposition	Usage	Example
At	Small place/point	There was a crowd at the station.
In	Enclosed or larger area	The dress is in the almirah.
On	Surface	The book is on the table.
Between	Middle of two things	He is sitting between A and B.
Among	In a group	Distribute sweets among the children.
Upon	Resting/moving on something	The cat jumped upon the chair.
Above	Higher than, no contact	The flags waved above our heads.
Over	Higher, covering	A bird flew over the lake.
Below	Lower than something	The lake is below the bridge.



Preposition	Usage	Example
Under	Directly beneath	The ball is under the table.

Prepositions of Direction or Movement

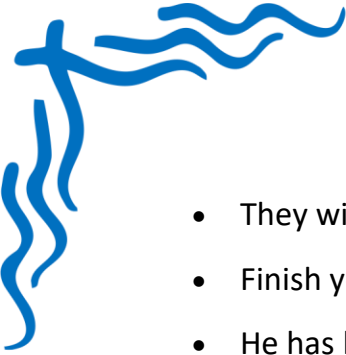
These show movement from one place to another.

Preposition	Usage	Example
From	Starting point	He comes home from office.
Out of	Exit	The bird flew out of the cage.
To	Destination	They went to the market.
Towards	Direction	The boy ran towards the temple.
Into	Entry	He jumped into the river.
At	Target	He threw the stone at the dog.
For	Destination (beginning of movement)	The children left for school.
Against	Pressure/contact	He leaned against the wall.

Practice Exercises (As per the book)

A. Fill in the blanks with Prepositions of Time:

- My birthday is in February.
- He will arrive here on Sunday.
- They work from 8 o'clock to 4 o'clock.



- They will be busy during the next week.
- Finish your project by Sunday.
- He has been sleeping for eight hours.
- She was there from Monday to Saturday.

B. Tick the correct Preposition of Place:

- Please, put this book on the table.
- The beggar was standing at the corner.
- The pen is in the drawer.
- We met him at the bus stop.

C. Fill in the blanks with Prepositions of Direction/Movement:

- He threw the ball at the old man.
- She put the ladder against the well.
- The dog ran into the room.
- Put the photos back into the box.
- The bird flew out of the open window.

Spot the Error (Corrections)

- ❖ He is senior than me.
He is senior to me.
- ❖ She has been sleeping since six hours.
She has been sleeping for six hours.

Quick Recap (Points to Remember)

- **Preposition** = shows relationship.
- **3 main types:** time, place, direction/movement.
- Time: at, on, in, by, for, since, from, during
- Place: at, in, on, between, among, upon, above, over, under, below
- Direction: from, to, into, out of, towards, against