



## Introduction

**Definition:** A preposition is a word which comes before a noun or a pronoun and shows its relation to other words in the sentence.

**For example:** Look at the sky.

Here the word 'at' is relating two words 'look' and 'sky' (noun). Hence, at is a preposition.

Here we will learn about the use of prepositions.



## Use of Preposition



### Nouns Followed by Prepositions

**Read the following sentences carefully and note the use of prepositions:**

- ❖ She has much affection for her baby.
- ❖ He has no faith in God.
- ❖ Sourav has no complaint against Samir.
- ❖ This man is the cause of the whole trouble.
- ❖ He is not interested in music.
- ❖ The teacher has no control over her students.
- ❖ The manager made an enquiry into the matter.
- ❖ He took offence at my remarks.
- ❖ He fell a victim to evil temptations.
- ❖ She has no pity for the poor.
- ❖ He received an invitation for dinner.
- ❖ She is always in need of money.
- ❖ He is a disgrace to her parents.
- ❖ It is an exception to the rule.
- ❖ You have no hope of success.
- ❖ She has a great zeal for social work.
- ❖ He has passion for gambling.
- ❖ Have you any objection to my proposal?
- ❖ He has a high regard for his teacher.

In the sentences given above, the words in, at, on, into, to, for, etc. are prepositions.



### Adjectives and Participles followed by Prepositions

**Read the following sentences carefully and note the use of prepositions**

- ❖ We are not answerable to him for this.
- ❖ He is afraid of wild animals.
- ❖ 'She is not worried about her health.
- ❖ They were amazed at his rudeness
- ❖ He is blind of one eye.
- ❖ This book is full of interesting stories.
- ❖ She is very jealous of me.
- ❖ He is short of money at present.
- ❖ She is unfit for hard work.

- ❖ I have a bicycle similar to his.
- ❖ They are fond of reading novels.
- ❖ She is gifted with a sweet voice.
- ❖ We should be kind to the poor.
- ❖ Paris is famous for the Eiffel Tower.
- ❖ She is ignorant of real facts.
- ❖ Be respectful to your elders.
- ❖ The Bible is sacred to the Christians.
- ❖ Smoking is injurious to health.
- ❖ You should be ashamed of your conduct.
- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru was born of rich parents.
- ❖ She is dependent on her parents.
- ❖ Rising early is beneficial to health.
- ❖ He has lost his all senses of shame.
- ❖ She is quick in mathematics.



## Verbs followed by Prepositions

Read the following sentences carefully and note the use of prepositions

- ❖ I agree with you in this matter.
- ❖ Have you heard of Osama Bin Laden?
- ❖ She died o/malaria.
- ❖ I apologized to him for my mistake.
- ❖ He was accused of theft.
- ❖ This house belongs to me.
- ❖ Please listen to me.
- ❖ She insists on buying a car.
- ❖ I warned him of danger.
- ❖ I must rely on what you say.
- ❖ Do not laugh at others.
- ❖ We should prefer milk to tea.
- ❖ Trust in God and do the right.
- ❖ He waited for the postman.
- ❖ This apple tastes of a mango.
- ❖ He depends on you for the protection.
- ❖ Please attend to what I say.
- ❖ The pond abounds in (with) fish.
- ❖ Silkworm feed on mulberry leaves.
- ❖ He was accused of theft.



## Look at the following examples:

1. The vegetables are in the basket.
2. Bunty writes with a pen.
3. The postman is at the door.
4. The book has been written by me.

5. The tie is for Joginder.
6. The book is on the table.
7. The table is made of wood.
8. The girl is going to market.

In the sentences given in last page the words 'in', 'with', 'at', 'by', 'for', 'on', 'of', and 'to' have been placed before a noun or pronoun and are showing their relation to other words (nouns) in the sentences. These words are prepositions.



### List of some commonly used Prepositions

About	Until
Across	Up
Around	Upon
Above	From
After	In
Against	Into
Along	Near
Among	of
At	Towards
Away	On
Before	Out
Beside	over
Between	Since
By	To
Down	under
For	With
Without	Through



### Look at the following examples of preposition of time, manner, place and direction:

- 1. Time**
  - (A) I wake up at 6 o'clock.
  - (B) She has been reading for two hours.
  - (C) He has been in Delhi since 1992.
- 2. Manner**
  - (A) He earns money by Boxing
  - (B) She played with care.
  - (C) He walks with a stick.
- 3. Place**
  - (A) Accident took place near the temple.
  - (B) A car ran over a dog.
  - (C) Stars shine in the sky.
- 4. Direction**
  - (A) The rat ran towards the hole.
  - (B) She went around the Church.
  - (C) A saint came from the east.



### Use of 'in'

1. Robin lives in New Delhi.
2. We have great faith in God.
3. The chair is in the room.

4. Alisa came in the room after Sarina.

**Use of some other prepositions.**

5. The man looks after his parents.
6. Rahul lives near the Church.
7. Look at the blackboard.
8. Distribute the sweets among the boys.
9. Sky is above us.
10. The boy complained against the monitor.
11. I know nothing about the boy.
12. This book is written by Dr. Raman.
13. There is a pond behind the Church.
14. He gets up before sunrise.
15. The king ruled over a vast empire.
16. Gourav is fond of music.
17. The snake ran across the road.
18. The boy is afraid of his teacher.
19. My grandmother died of cholera.
20. The old man died from overeating.



## Practice Exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition:



The lady writes \_\_\_\_\_ a pen.

Answer: with



The leaf fell \_\_\_\_\_ the pond.

Answer: into



A cat jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the lamp.

Answer: over



The dog is running \_\_\_\_\_ the cat.

Behind

## Commonly Asked



## QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions



We are very grateful \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- (A) With (B) On  
(C) To (D) Under  
(E) With

**Answer: (C)**

**Explanation:** *We are very grateful to you.*

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She agreed \_\_\_\_\_ my proposal.

- (A) To (B) With  
(C) On (D) Of  
(E) Under

**Answer: (A)**

**Explanation:** *She agreed to my proposal.*

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## SUMMARY



❖ A Preposition is a word which comes before a noun or a pronoun and shows its relation to other words in the sentence Preposition of:

- 1. Time**
    - (A) I got up at 9 o'clock.
    - (B) She has been reading for two hours.
    - (C) She has been walking since two p.m.
  - 2. Manner**
    - (A) He earns money by Boxing
    - (B) She played with care.
    - (C) He walks on his legs.
  - 3. Place**
    - (A) An Accident took place near Temple.
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# Self Evaluation TEST



Duration  
10 Minutes

Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions:



Who is looking \_\_\_\_\_ the drawing room?

- (A) To
- (B) From
- (C) For
- (D) Inside
- (E) With



January comes \_\_\_\_\_ February.

- (A) To
- (B) With
- (C) Upon
- (D) After
- (E) Before



The book is kept \_\_\_\_\_ the bag.

- (A) To
- (B) For
- (C) From
- (D) In
- (E) Under



Dazy danced \_\_\_\_\_ Alok.

- (A) To
- (B) With
- (C) Under
- (D) From
- (E) For



There is a well \_\_\_\_\_ you and me.

- (A) Between
- (B) Among
- (C) To
- (D) For
- (E) From



The cat jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the rat.

- (A) To
- (B) On
- (C) From
- (D) For
- (E) In



I believe \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- (A) In
- (B) To
- (C) Of
- (D) For
- (E) With



The cow was standing \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.

- (A) From
- (B) For
- (C) With
- (D) under
- (E) To



The stars are present \_\_\_\_\_ the sky.

- (A) For
- (B) From
- (C) In
- (D) To
- (E) Under



We cannot live \_\_\_\_\_ water.

- (A) In
- (B) For
- (C) From
- (D) At
- (E) Without

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#### Answers

1.	D	2.	E	3.	D	4.	B	5.	A	6.	B	7.	A	8.	D	9.	C	10.	E
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